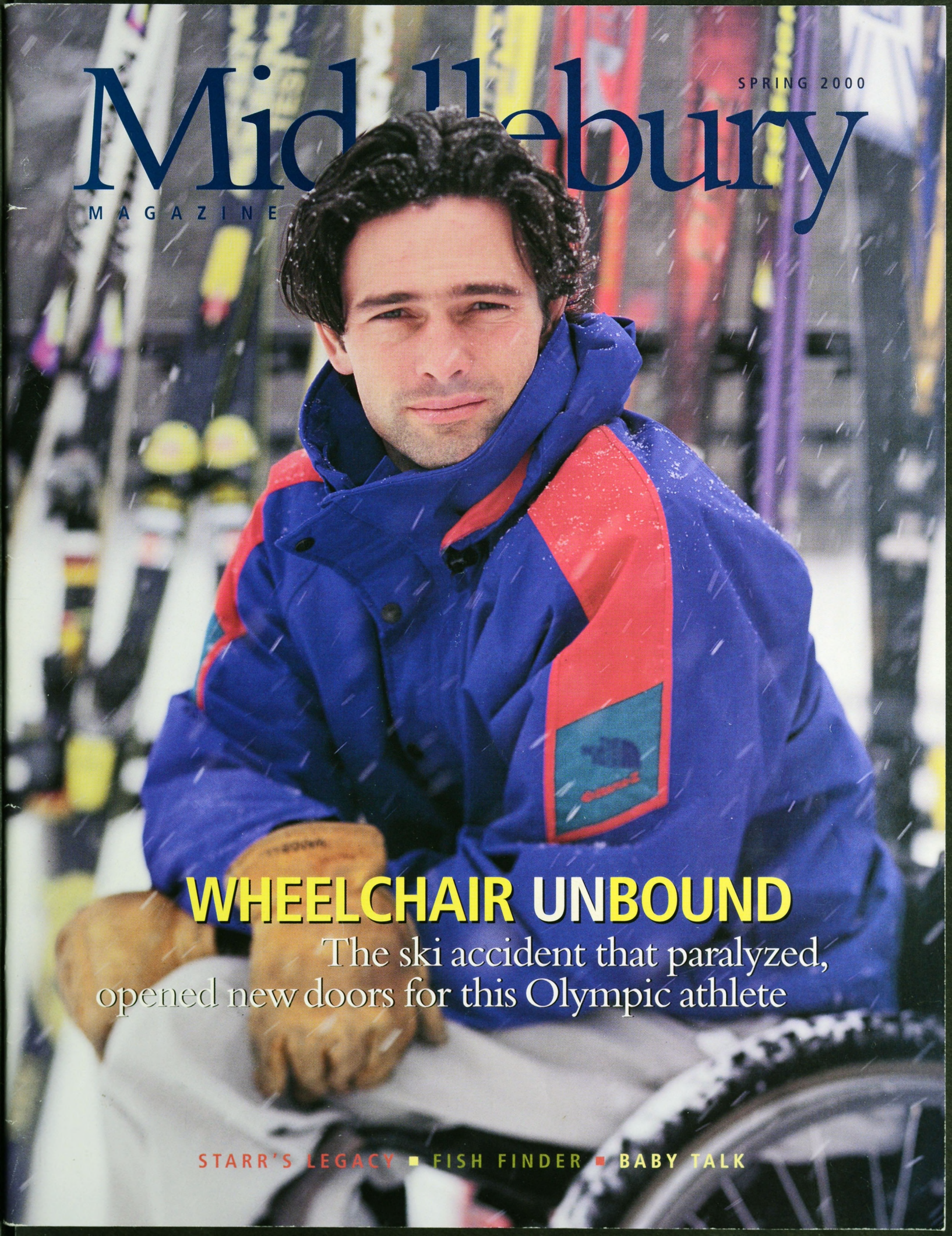

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FANFARE FOR WINNING WOMEN

THE GRILLE IS TEEMING WITH TOTS. There must be 40 or more, and they are milling about the floor of the coffee bar; they are on the balconies; they have even fully occupied the pool tables—around one table, three youngsters, too short even to see over the sides of it, are sweeping the pool cues blindly over the green felt top, hoping just to find a ball.

These children have turned out in force to meet the women's hockey team, which has just captured the national championship. After a celebratory ride through town on Middlebury Engine 1, a charming old relic from the fire department, the team is now back at the Grille to greet fans and sign autographs.

The children range from about three to thirteen, and though many are shy and starstruck, a number treat the players like big sisters.

"Peter, did you like the fire truck, buddy?" asks Number 25 as she picks a little boy up and carries him to the food table for a snack. Number 2 walks with six-year-old Katy attached to her waist. Number 21 has one little boy on her shoulders and is carrying another in her arms.

The shyer kids need encouragement from their parents. "Go say congratulations," says a mom, urging her child forward gently. He hangs back, so Number 16 walks forward to meet him. "Gimme five," she says, and he smiles and slaps her hand. "Congratulations," he says softly.

Many of the adults present are parents of these autograph-seeking children, and many are fans themselves. One man says he is getting a team picture autographed for his 21-month-old baby daughter. She loves hockey, he explains to a player, though in his arms the child seems blissfully unaware of anything but the chocolate chip cookie disintegrating in her tight little fist. Matt Longman, dean of Wonnacott Commons, is getting a team picture autographed also. "For the office," he explains. Sure.

Some adults, like local businessmen Kim Loewer '76 and Jim LaBerge, are official team boosters. "This is the most incredible record in college sports, maybe in professional sports!" enthuses LaBerge.

It *is* incredible. The women's hockey team has never lost an ECAC Division III game since the inception of the league five years ago. They won the championship all five years. They've outscored ECAC opponents 473-87 and have just captured their first national championship. Loewer gloats about the championship game against Augsburg University: "We smoked 'em! We had 90 shots on goal; Augies had 23."

The kids ignore this adult enthusiasm and instead concentrate on the task at hand—moving in like homing pigeons to gather autographs from their idols. Russ Reilly, athletic director, asks, "Who could say that athletes are not role models? Look at these kids."

It is undeniable that what's going on in this room is a wonderful thing for the children, for the players, and for women's sports in general. Though the audiences for the women's games have been modest compared to those at the men's hockey games, they are growing, and captain Sarah Hall thanked the fans for their faithfulness.

"There are more people here in this room than there were at my first game at Middlebury," she laughed. "We love you guys and hope you keep on coming out!" Six little boys with fully signed photographs in their laps beam at her and applaud.

—RM

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Where's the Color?

As the parent and sibling of Middlebury graduates, I am offended by your cover headline "Bringing a little color to Vermont." Do you not see the irony of the contrast between the cover and the "all white" wedding section—shame on you.

Susan Lindsey Cridge P'93
Fairbanks, AK

Winter Term Valuable

As a passionate Middlebury graduate, I was dismayed to see the January 19th article in the *Boston Globe* on college January terms. While it is disappointing to see Middlebury's winter term compared to Smith's noncredit, "risk-free" courses (clearly not an apples-to-apples comparison), it was most upsetting to read Ron Liebowitz's comments. The winter term courses that I took are undoubtedly some of the most valuable of my college career. Partially a function of subject matters, partially of depth of topic, these courses come to mind on a day-to-day basis much more often than the traditional academic courses. Every graduate that I have spoken to feels that several of his/her winter term courses are those that are recalled most often since graduation. It is disturbing that Ron Liebowitz feels that two additional weeks added to a science or literature course would contribute such value, while alums feel that the opportunity to take the January courses teaches lifelong lessons. Aside from the wonderful opportunity to take one course in depth, the overall social benefit of life on Middlebury's campus during January term cannot be undervalued. I would also like to question his assertion that 50 percent of Midd faculty feel that winter term "is a bad idea." The opportunity for faculty to teach an intense course to students who share their passion about that topic is what I believe to be one of the primary pieces of Middlebury's successful education.

Susie Patterson Nichols '78
Weston, MA

A Resort for Privileged Kids

Hooray for Erskine White '73 for expressing what I've been feeling for a long, long time. In recent years the PR emanating from the college on the hill has given me the impression that Midd is less and less an institution with which I can identify and increasingly a resort for privileged yuppie offspring. One "Midd life change" I do applaud, however, is the substantial increase in minority representation among the students. I remember walking into the dean of women's office c. 1955 and asking the dean why there were no black female students at Middlebury. Her reply? "We had one once, but she wasn't very happy here."

Alice Frail Lawson '59
Chicago, IL

Prostate Cancer Warnings

I applaud Steve Crampton's '61 class note on increasing readers awareness of PSA screening for prostate cancer. However his information on the "double I's" is incorrect and could be misleading to one contemplating the various alternatives for treatment of prostate cancer. Today's surgical procedures have *not* "virtually wiped out incontinence as a concern." The most

recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Volume 283,No. 3, Jan 19, 2000) contains an extensive review of urinary and sexual function after radical prostatectomy. The study revealed after 18 months, 8.4 percent reported incontinence. Forty percent reported occasional leaking at 24 months. The statement that "chances for no permanent impotence problem were over 80 percent" is also incorrect. The same article noted after nerve sparing surgery, 59.9 percent were impotent. Both urinary and sexual problems varied according to age with poor performance correlated with increasing age. Finally, the statement of "chances for a complete cure are over 70 percent" can be misleading. Cure rates in prostate cancer are dependent on the grade of the cancer and the spread both within and beyond the gland. Each individual case has its own prognosis. Some "cure rates" approach 90 percent; others, there is no cure.
John R. Iacovino '63 M.D.
New York, NY

Choi Inspires

You have a severe problem. Namely, the Fall 1999 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* is so terrific you'll never be able to match it again! Sunhee Choi is a tremendous inspiration—even for those of us who've never met her. [And in the winter issue] I can forgive Middlebury 100 mistakes as long as students like Kelvin Roldan '01 can be enrolled. Wow!
Ted Peach '43
Nevada City, CA

Thank You, Sunhee Choi

As a recent graduate of Middlebury College, a student of Professor Sunhee Choi's, and a member of her research group, I am writing in response to Ms. Shelley Johnson Carter's letter [Winter 2000]. Sunhee Choi is an outstanding professor; she instills in her students a desire to learn and the motivation to perform to their best ability. The majority of professors at Middlebury are of the highest quality, but Sunhee's dedication to her students goes well beyond the classroom. In the article featuring Professor Choi, fellow chemistry majors and I mentioned help

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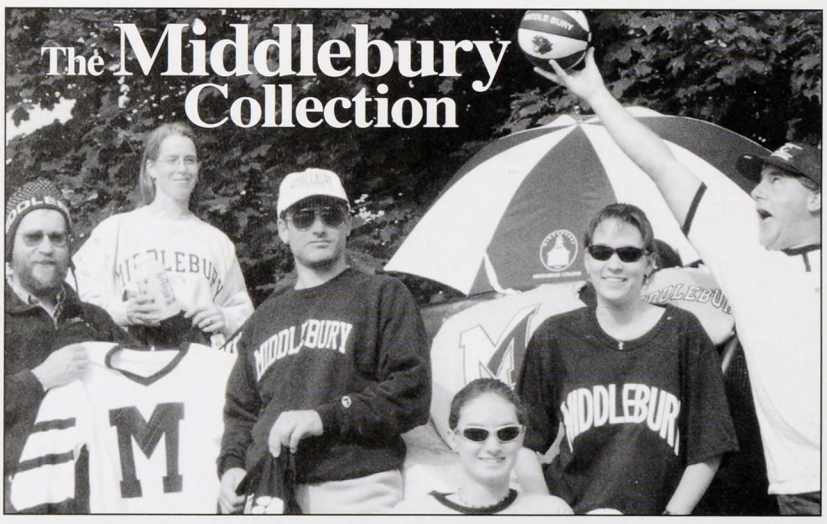

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sessions and classes that were in addition to the normally scheduled meeting times. Sometimes these served as an opportunity to ask questions about the material we had covered or to go over homework problems; other times these meetings turned into discussions about graduate school and what it is like to be a female scientist. Being a chemistry major was quite demanding and, as Ms. Carter pointed out, often I did not get as much sleep as I would have liked. However, Ms. Carter would be hard pressed to find a college student at any school, pursuing any major, who was well rested. I agree with Ms. Carter that "colleges must take responsibility for the amount of stress that a student can reasonably be expected to handle," but I must add that college students, being in their late teens to early twenties, must take responsibility for their own well-being. There was no brainwashing or hazing involved in my education, as Ms. Carter suggested, only a desire to take full advantage of the opportunities made available to me at Middlebury College and to prepare myself to be a creative and productive scientist. I am currently pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at the California Institute of Technology and am successfully balancing the rigorous course schedule and research demands that are associated with such a program. I have no doubt that Sunhee's style of teaching and dedication to her students prepared me for graduate school, and I owe much of my success to her efforts. I am forever indebted to Sunhee for the vast array of lessons she has taught me about chemistry and life in general. Thank you Sunhee. I will never forget all that you have done for me.

Sarah Delaney '99
Pasadena, CA

A Really Big Boom

I have just read Diane Rotberg Bray's article "Ants in Your Pants and other Biohazards of Life Down Under," and it reminded me of my childhood in Alaska and my first experiences at Midd. Like the kids of Australia, we grew up without many boundaries or limitations —physical or parental. I expect our parents were around somewhere, but my impression was that they were egging us

on in our exploits rather than trying to ensure that we survived them without a poked out eye. Just as Ms. Bray describes, my own extended family's summer fascinations were with fire and worms. We started all of our fires with leftover gasoline, and I even remember my cousins surreptitiously putting water in the boat gas one time to create an excuse for its use in creating a "really big boom." Our pit fires generally raged from 6:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. every Friday to Sunday. And just like Ms. Bray's son, one of the main exploits was to see just how well various items, such as aerosol cans, bacon grease, fish guts, potato peels, and really big logs, would burn.

One of our favorite things to burn was lake leaches. An Alaskan lake leach is about three to four inches long and the size of your index finger. In the fire they would sizzle for a minute or so and then explode with a pop like a firecracker. In order to feed our habit of blowing up small worms, we spent hours "fishing" for victims. Our typical bait was five to six salmon heads. We would tie them onto some fishing line, throw them off our dock, and wait. After about 10 minutes we would pull the heads and pick off the suckers, throwing them into an old coffee can. I think our weekend record was about 580. The other preferred method was to have one person dangle a foot in the lake while another waited nearby in hip waders to catch the prey with Mom's kitchen strainer.

Thus, in this and equally dangerous and environmentally incorrect ways, I spent my first 18 years of life. Then I went to college where I never joined the Outdoor Club (too wimpy and organized) and generally made a point of being "rough around the edges" (yeah, maybe obnoxious is a better description). But I loved Middlebury, particularly the town and the surrounding area. I also found friends who accepted my excesses, and perhaps even encouraged them. Now, 10 years after graduation, I am living in Japan with my wife and two-year-old son. Thus, I am constantly confronted with questions about how to give him the sense of independence, self-reliance, and deter-

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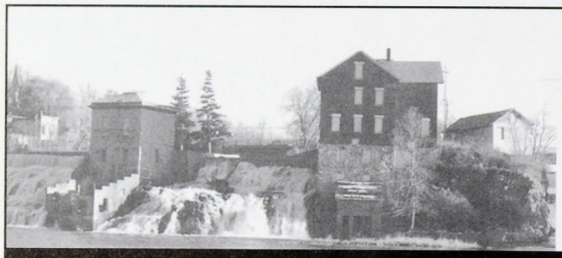

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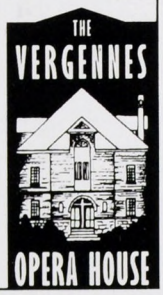

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mination that Alaska instilled in me while still preparing him for the more cultured aspects of modern America (and Japan). For the most part the civilized part is easy: we live in a big city and my wife was not brought up in Alaska (or Australia). Furthermore, I am lucky with regards to part of the wilderness aspects in that Japan—like Australia—still has playground toys that are not safe and neighbors that are.
Kent Anderson '90, Japanese School '88
Sapporo, Japan

Honoring the Veterans

Looking at the picture and caption of V-12 students parading on campus [Winter issue, page 42] reminded me that there is a unique bond that many Middlebury people have had and an important contribution they have made by serving in the armed forces. Whether through V-12, ROTC, SATC, the draft, or voluntarily, Middlebury people have answered the call for service to their country for 200 years.

I was commissioned through Middlebury's Army ROTC program in 1956, returned in 1963 for three years to teach ROTC, and prepared many second lieutenants to go off to war in Vietnam. One of these was Fred Stetson '65, whose article in the spring 1992 *Middlebury Magazine* grippingly and tenderly captured the experiences of his classmates describing the horror, the irony, and the honor of their service. From these accounts and the contacts I had with others, I was inspired to propose that the College hold a one-time gathering of Middlebury veterans during the Bicentennial Celebration to honor their service to America.

With the help of Mona Wheatley '56, Mike Heaney '64, and others, the Veterans' Reunion will take place concurrently with the class reunions this year. The centerpiece of the gathering will be the Dedication of the Veterans' Memorial in Mead Chapel on June 3.
Richard E. Powell '56, Lt. Col., U.S. Army, Retired
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Master of 'Toons

WHEN CARLY CAIS '00 WAS 12 YEARS OLD, she spent her Saturday mornings like most kids her age: watching cartoons. But this New Jersey native was different. She had a dream that one day she would be an animator herself. At 21 years of age, her dream has become a reality. She has been accepted to Yoyogi Animation Institute in Tokyo, Japan—the first non-Japanese student to be admitted to this prestigious institution, and the youngest student there. Carly studied at Keio University in Tokyo during her junior year abroad and speaks Japanese fluently. While at Middlebury, this double major in Japanese and film/video completed a 12-minute film combining live action with animation for her senior thesis project. Carly will spend the next two years studying at the institute while working part time in the animation industry.

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CHURCHILL G. FRANKLIN '71 has been named the new chair of the Middlebury College Board of Trustees. Franklin is executive vice president and cofounder of Acadian Asset Management, a global investment management firm located in Boston. He was first elected as a trustee in 1989, and currently chairs the leadership gifts committee for the Bicentennial Campaign. He also served as founding president of the Boston Chapter of the Alumni Association. Franklin lives in Concord, Mass., with his wife, Janet, Class of 1972. Their son, Chip, is a member of Middlebury's Class of 2002.

GRAMMY FOR ROE

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO'S senior producer Benjamin Roe '82 recently received NPR's first-ever Grammy award for producing the album "Benjamin Britton's War Requiem." The CD, which won Best Choral Performance, was recorded live at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., as part of a concert commemorating the 50th anniversary of World War II.

VERMONT'S NEW COMMISSIONER

WITH A VISION to make Vermont's schools the best in the world, David Wolk '75 recently became Vermont's new commissioner of education. Wolk has been a dedicated educator for nearly 25 years, most recently as superintendent of the 3,000-student school district in Rutland, VT.

DANCE

THIS PAST JANUARY, Alison Stoll '00 performed her new dance piece, "Ground Control," with a number of other Middlebury dance majors at the American College Dance Festival. The extremely challenging and athletic piece was selected from nearly 50 dances from 25 New England colleges.

FULBRIGHT TO ITALY

JOHN ELDER, Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies, has received a Fulbright Fellowship to support his 2000-2001 leave. This grant will help fund his research project in Italy, "The Italian Career of George Perkins Marsh." Marsh, a native of Vermont who was a central figure in the conservation movement in this country, was the first American minister to Italy and founded the first school of forestry in that country.

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MULTIPLYING EXCELLENCE

TIMOTHY T. HUANG, professor of mathematics and computer science, has been named this year's recipient of the Perkins Award for Excellence in Teaching. Huang was also recently honored with the National Science Foundation Career Award in 1999.

WATSONS GO ABROAD

ANOTHER HEALTHY CROP of Watson Scholars from Middlebury will study abroad next year—each with a $22,000 stipend. Amelia Berry '00 will go to Trinidad, Tobago, Jamaica, and Barbados to study "The Steel Drum as Liberation." Adina Racoviteanu '00 will travel to Nepal, Tanzania, Cameroon, Peru, and Bolivia to pursue the topic, "Exploring Sacred Mountains." Jenna Sigman '00 will study "Penguins: Catalysts for Conservation Awareness" in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina.

MOGUL QUEEN

THREE-TIME OLYMPIAN and world champion mogul skier Ann Battelle '89 was at it again this past February at the Goodwill Games in Lake Placid, NY, where she came away with a silver medal in the women's free style skiing moguls competition, and a gold medal in the dual moguls. Battelle, a native Vermonter who didn't even begin skiing competitively until after graduating from Middlebury, now lives and competes in Steamboat Springs, CO.

"Lies are important to tell a larger truth."

Julia Alvarez '71, writer in residence, on the role of fact in fiction at the Bicentennial Symposium, "Literary Fact and Historical Fiction."

A Plug for the Environment

HEADS TURN as the cute little electric pickup truck toots along campus byways. Not a bad side benefit if you are the electric vehicle intern and girls are clamoring for a ride. Eric Skovsted '02 admits that in this job most of those girls are in elementary school. He often visits schools and talks about renewable energy and alternative fuels and demonstrates this electric Chevy S-10 that the College has borrowed from EVermont. According to Nan Jenks-Jay, director of environmental affairs and planning, "We want to see if there's a practical use for alternative vehicles as fleet vehicles on college campuses in the Northeast."

Fleet vehicles (those used for delivery, security, mail, and maintenance) are some of the greatest polluters because they start and stop so much and go in circles all day long. Which is why an electric vehicle is so potentially appropriate for this use. Electric cars don't idle and only use electricity when the accelerator is pressed. They have no engine, no transmission, and no gears. They actually generate electricity when they coast down a hill.

This truck has been plugged into a 220-volt outlet outside of the Service Building when not in use. Its four batteries, when fully charged, can get the car to the Snow Bowl and back (making use of the energy generation coasting downhill).

The big question about this electric vehcle was how would it perform in cold weather? Heating and defrosting consume a lot of energy. Would there be enough left for the truck to be useful around campus? Norm Cushman, assistant director for maintenance and operations, says, "The jury's still out." He noted the truck was parked more than it was used this winter, but that the College is extending the lease through 2000 to continue to try new uses for it.

ILLUSTRATION BY GRANT URIE

UPHILL Downhill

The Brief History of Marriage

IN RESPONSE TO A Supreme Court ruling, Vermont has the difficult and controversial task of deciding whether to grant gay couples the same legal rights accorded to heterosexual couples, including the right to formalize their relationship through official ceremony. Jack Hoffman '69, chief of the Vermont Press Bureau, has attended the House Judiciary Hearings, and wrote recently for the *Rutland Herald* that he has learned the institution of marriage doesn't have nearly the long and august history that most people believe it does.

"Defenders of so-called traditional marriage have made statements to the effect that marriage has been between one man and one woman since the beginning of time," he wrote. But in reality our conventional marriage has had a relatively short history.

According to Paul Monod, Middlebury professor of history, "What we think of as traditional marriage is a fairly recent development. The majority of our ancestors were not married in any formal or official sense."

In the Middle Ages couples simply made a promise to each other, sometimes, but not always, in front of some person with religious authority, or lived together for a long period of time and considered themselves married. Cohabitation was often virtually equivalent to marriage. Monot explains that formal marriage in the Catholic and Protestant Churches became more common about 500

years ago, though primarily for the wealthy.

"From the third to sixth centuries, the church also sanctioned all kinds of personal relationships, including same-sex couples. It didn't actually marry them but gave them a ceremony of blessing." Monod says that scholars have argued about whether this represented official recognition of same-sex relationships, or whether it was a way of recognizing friendships and bonds between people who were leading a religious life.

The historical fact is that in most cultures, marriage had little to do with love.

"Relationships based on love were thought to be very unstable," says Monod. "From a legal and historical point of view, it's been about the legitimacy of children and the inheritence of property. Those have been the overriding issues in the history of marriage."

MIDDTOWN NEWS

NEW FEES SET

MIDDLEBURY TRUSTEES have set the comprehensive fee for 2000-2001 at $32,765—a 3.68% increase over last year and, for the eighth consecutive year, a reduction from the previous year's rate of increase.

BUILDING TO BEGIN

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN this June on the Ross Commons complex to add a 66-bed dormitory and a 300-seat dining hall. The $18 million project also includes renovations that will create additional living space for seniors. Completion of the plans, by architect Tai Soo Kim, are slated for completion in January 2002.

THE CAPTAIN READS

BOB KEESHAN, the original Captain Kangaroo of children's television, was on campus in January to launch officially Page 1—a national book drive conducted by alumni volunteers on the occasion of the College's Bicentennial. Keeshan gave a talk entitled "Television, the Electronic Media, and Children's Literacy."

VOLUNTEERING FOR PEACE

MIDDS GIVE PEACE A CHANCE: Middlebury ranks sixth among colleges and small universities in numbers of Peace Corps volunteers. In the Peace Corps' 39-year history, 334 Middlebury alumni have joined its worldwide effort.

E-VOLUTION

ALUMNI CEOs from leading e-commerce ventures came to campus to discuss the emerging digital age and what it implies for politics, economics, education, business, entrepreneurship, and society at large. The conference, entitled "Bridges to the Emerging Digital Society," was organized by Michael Claudon, professor of economics and political science, in conjunction with his winter term course.

LAB OF THE YEAR

BICENTENNIAL HALL has been named Lab of the Year 2000 by *Cahner's R & D Magazine*. This prestigious award recognizes a research facility in the fields of science and engineering.

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SCHOLARS/ATHLETES

ATHLETICS and the liberal arts was the subject of a Bicentennial Symposium which honored five alumni—Irv Meeker '50, Dee Rowe '52, Paul Witteman '65, Robin Harris '84, and Chris Waddell '91—during an on-ice ceremony in Kenyon Arena at the Middlebury *v.* Williams game.

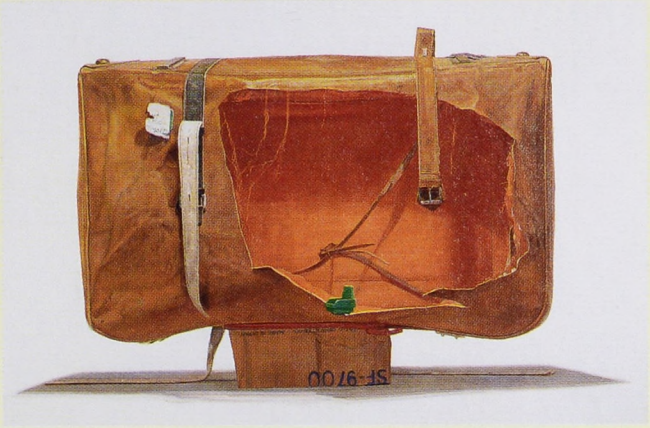
FACT/FICTION

HOW MUCH FACT is in fiction and how much fiction is in a genre like biography? The discussion became heated at times during the Bicentennial Symposium, "Literary Fact and Historical Fiction," which featured a reading by Joyce Carol Oates; a panel with Middlebury writers Julia Alvarez '71, Jay Parini, and David Stoll; and a lecture about the making of Ralph Ellison's *Juneteenth*.

ARABS/ISRAELIS

ISRAELIS AND SYRIANS came together to discuss peace in the Golan Heights in a round-table discussion moderated by Tamar Mayer, professor of geography, in collaboration with the Geonomics Center for International Studies. Panelists included Raghida Dergham, senior diplomatic correspondent for the leading independent Arabic daily newspaper; Sadik Al-Azm, chairman of the department of philosophy and sociology at the University of Damascus in Syria; Itzhak Levanon, consul general of Israel to New England; and Aaron T. Wolf, assistant professor of geography at Oregon State University.

Journeys in Art



"West 75th Street" by Jim Butler, 1997, oil on canvas, 60" x 87", collection of Patricia Bell.

"THIS PAINTING WAS MADE from a suitcase I pulled from a dumpster on 75th Street that was full of the contents of an apartment owned by an obviously deceased occupant," said Jim Butler, professor of art. "This suitcase had been slit open by someone to see if anything was inside. I take a lot of things on the train in New York, but I never got a more nervous reaction from other people than when I was carrying this suitcase."

The Museum of Art, in a show entitled "50 Years: Faculty Art at Middlebury," has recently exhibited works from studio art faculty Suzanne Bocanegra, David Bumbeck, Jim Butler, John Huddleston, and Eric Nelson, and former faculty Arthur Healy, Robert Reiff, Rosemarie Beck, Bruce Muirhead, Alex Markhoff, and Alex McFarlane.

Better Living through Chemistry

WE LIKE TO THINK of Middlebury College as a peace-loving and environmentally friendly sort of place. A little known fact, however, is that pepper spray, or mace, was actually first created by Middlebury College chemistry professor Ben Corson. In 1928, Corson and his graduate student Roger Stoughton (Middlebury used to have a master's degree program in chemistry), synthesized the chemical substance 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile, and, though they were not looking to make warfare agents, they apparently found out the hard way what they had created. In the *Journal of the American Chemical Society* (Vol 50, page 2825, 1928) they note:

"In sneezing caused by o-chlorobenzalmalononitrile, the face smarts, especially if damp. The smarting is intensified by washing. Most of the discomfort can be avoided if a gas mask is worn whenever the dry solid is to be handled."

The military recognized the possibilities for such a compound and developed it for use in crowd control and chemical warfare. The resulting substance is sold commercially in some of the self-defense preparations marketed as "pepper spray" and "mace," but it is known to the military and police forces as CS—the initials of its accidental discoverers, Corson and Stoughton.

—Jeff Byers, professor of chemistry

Baby Talk

A PILOT PROJECT EXPOSES INFANTS TO FOREIGN LANGUAGES

BY KIM ASCH

Teaching of languages through the use of technology has been Clara Yu's focus since 1994, when the College received the largest grant ever awarded to a liberal arts college—$7 million from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation—for that purpose.

YOU CAN'T ACCUSE Clara Yu of ethnic insensitivity for talking about the way some Asians who speak English as a second language confuse their "l"s and "r"s. By pointing out mangled pronunciations like "flied lice" and "lain in Spain," she isn't poking fun; Yu, the Cornelius V. Starr Professor of Linguistics at Middlebury, is just making her case for the daring experiment she recently launched.

Based on recent research into brain development and language acquisition in the early stages of life, Yu believes people who are not exposed to a second language in infancy won't form the nerve connections in their brains that allow them to become natural speakers of that language. Use it or lose it, in other words.

Since Asian languages don't recognize the "l" and "r" sounds, it's almost impossible for Asian students who study English to learn to pronounce the difference between the two letters. Native English speakers have similar difficult with the two Spanish "b" sounds.

Yu suspects all students would be much more successful learning to speak a second language if they got to hear it as babies. So she designed a pilot program that will introduce American infants of English-speaking parents to the sounds of a second language while they are young enough to benefit from them.

Graduate students and staff members at Middlebury's language school in Madrid, Spain,

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and collaborators at Beijing Normal University are currently collecting recordings of Spanish and Chinese parents as they bathe, sing to, dress, feed, and play with their infants. The recordings will be made available on the Internet, where American parents participating in the project will download them to play to their infants. Yu hopes the children who participate in this experiment will have a much easier time learning to speak the second language when they're older.

The audio content will be collected into carefully sequenced sound files that expose English-speaking kids to the kind of "parentese" that Spanish or Chinese children would hear.

She hopes they won't have to struggle, as she struggled, to learn to speak English, French, and German.

"I am a failed language learner," says Yu, 51, who was born in China and grew up in Taiwan. "I'm an expert learner in the sense that I always aced the course, but I'm a failed learner because it was always a struggle, and I could never speak another language as I speak my own."

Since joining the faculty of Middlebury's legendary language program in 1987, Yu has worked to improve methods of language instruction with the passion of someone seeking to change the world, one word at a time.

"Humans misunderstand and misjudge and harm each other mainly because they fail to communicate," she says. "The way we reach a meeting of the minds is to walk a cultural mile in someone else's shoes, and if we can't understand them in their language, it's hard."

Taking to heart the Chinese maxim, "there is no meaning in individual existence if you can't contribute to the greater good," Yu has worked to extend Middlebury's reach beyond its Vermont campus.

As Middlebury's vice president for languages from 1993 to 1996, she restructured the College's eight language schools and five schools abroad in Florence, Madrid, Mainz, Moscow, and Paris. She also designed Middlebury's three-year international major, a rigorous B.A. program that combines an international studies core curriculum, regional concentration, language competence, study abroad, and senior capstone experience. This innovative program served as a prototype of the four-year international studies major.

Since 1994, she has directed an expanding initiative, supported by the largest grant ever awarded to a liberal arts college by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation—a total of $7 million—to enhance the teaching of languages through the use of technology. The most recent phase of this initiative is Project 2001, which constitutes the core program for Middlebury's newly founded Center for Educational Technology. Yu directs Project 2001, an initiative which links research universities, graduate programs, and 62 liberal arts colleges in an effort to create an unbroken chain between cutting edge research, graduate students, faculty, and technologists in the common mission of improving education and reducing costs.

These efforts are eminently worthwhile and extremely successful, given that most students haven't been exposed early enough to the language they choose to study.

"It doesn't have to be so hard," Yu says. "If you can get kids speaking and interacting in different cultures from an early age, second language acquisition comes naturally."

Yu makes an analogy with research in vision to illustrate the importance of introducing a second language within the first year. Studies have shown that babies born with cataracts may go blind if they aren't removed within weeks after birth—even if nothing is anatomically wrong. This is because there are nerves that exist in the baby's brain that don't form connections, or that connect incorrectly, if the eyes aren't exposed to light shortly after birth. The acquisition of a few photons in early infancy is crucial to the baby's development of vision.

It works the same way with language acquisition, Yu says. In simplistic terms, each of us is equipped at birth with the ability to distinguish between all the sounds that make up the world's languages. But at a very early stage, we begin pruning away those neurons that govern the sounds we don't hear, since they aren't needed.

There is evidence to back up her theory. In *The Scientist in the Crib: Minds, Brains and How Children Learn*, researcher Patricia K. Kuhl finds that Japanese and American seven-month-olds discriminated "r" from "l" equally well. But just three months later, "the two groups were as different as night and day." At 10 months, Japanese infants could no longer hear the change from "r" to "l" since there is no such

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Balancing Act

BEING A STUDENT IS HARD ENOUGH. TRY BEING A PROFESSIONAL SKIER AT THE SAME TIME.

BY DAVID HEALY

Rosenbaum will be eligible to join the Class of '95 for her fifth reunion just a week after receiving her diploma.

EARLY LAST FALL Lara Rosenbaum had one of those experiences that could only happen at Middlebury. "I heard this guy the first week of school at the bookstore, and I couldn't help myself," she recalls smiling. "I kind of thought aloud, 'You know, you sound exactly like my friend Mo.' And he turned around and said, 'That's because he's my brother.'"

With the steady stream of siblings flowing through Middlebury, it might not be unheard of for a faculty or staff member to occasionally sense that they're hearing echoes from the past. But, with six years separating the brothers Renganathan (Mohan '96 and Vijay '02), it's almost surreal for a student to register the timbre of their voices. Then again, Rosenbaum's a bit of an extraordinary Middlebury student. For starters, she's a 26-year-old senior and, more to her credit, one of the finest freestyle skiers ever to pull on a U.S. Ski Team sweater.

A nine-year veteran of the national team, Rosenbaum is also a specialist in the slightly arcane sport of acro-skiing. acro, as it is now called after years under the misnomer of ballet-skiing, is an underexposed freestyle discipline combining figure skating, skiing, and gymnastics. A lifelong skier with a gift for acrobatic flips and twists, Rosenbaum has finished fifth in the past two World Championships and impertinently breached the Russo-Japanese juggernaut at World Cup events.

While the process of racking up a sterling ski career has taken Rosenbaum all over the globe, it's also wreaked havoc with her experience here at Middlebury. She entered college as a first-year back in 1991, but team rules and the

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN JAKUBEK

demands of international competition have conspired to more than double her undergraduate sojourn. Far from being a Zonker Harris-styled slacker, Rosenbaum will nevertheless be eligible to join the Class of '95 for her fifth reunion just a week after receiving a diploma.

"It's hard being on the 'A' team because you have a lot more to lose, and they [certain coaches] constantly remind you of that," Rosenbaum says of the pressure to ski, not study. "I had my per diem taken away because I had to miss a day of skiing to go to a funeral," she says, brimming with emotion. "They're not that cool sometimes."

Despite conflicting schedules, Rosenbaum has managed to balance a world-class career with several dean's list performances. "I've received some phone calls from bizarre places," recalls Professor David Price, her adviser in the English department. "But Lara hasn't let her athletic career stop her as a student."

"To see her ski is to know her," offers Nick Preston, a Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, coach who helped shepherd her career from junior freestyler to U.S. Team star. "She's very artistic and self-expressive, both on the slopes and off," he asserts.

Flowing gracefully on skis to the soulful sounds of Patti Page or Etta James, Rosenbaum punctuates her downhill dance with patented one-armed pole flips and 720-degree twists that are as mind-boggling as they are entertaining. She's a crowd-pleaser, says Preston, suggesting that with the subjective elements of a sport like acro, "it's just a matter of time before the judges let her win."

For Rosenbaum, the competitive flame was kindled during childhood trips to New Hampshire from her home in Providence, Rhode Island. "Skiing for us was a family thing," she recalls while sipping tea in the McCullough Student Center. The youngest of three children—brother Scott '90 also skied on the U.S. freestyle team in the early nineties—Rosenbaum took to the slopes at age two, graduating from ski school by the time she hit second grade.

"My parents were worried about me being this little hellion on skis at Waterville, so they wanted to put me in something organized," Rosenbaum says of her introduction to competitive skiing. "I had a choice between racing and freestyle. I'd met the freestyle coach (Preston) and I loved him—he was always picking me up and flipping me over my skis—so, of course, I chose freestyle," she remembers. It was a prescient decision by an eight-year-old.

By age 13, Rosenbaum was junior national freestyle champion, a title she would capture for three consecutive years. "I went out to Telluride and I won every event," she says matter of factly, before stopping, slightly embarrassed. "So here I come home with four gold medals," she continues, choosing candor over guile. "My parents decided that since I was doing well in skiing, and since my grades had been suffering from missing so much school, that I should go to Waterville Valley Academy."

At Waterville, Rosenbaum spent mornings with a tutor and afternoons with her coach. Hardly standard college prep, but a well-placed gamble nonetheless. By 16, the spunky skier was a dominant force on the North American circuit—capturing gold at every competition she entered during the 1991 season, the same year she gained admission to Middlebury.

Despite a peripatetic academic career—this year will be the first time that she's been enrolled for two consecutive semesters since 1995—Rosenbaum's affection for Middlebury remains steadfast.

"Middlebury is the best. I love this place," she says. "I saw Ann Hanson in the gym one day and she's like, 'Oh!' and giving me a big hug. You know, it's cool when you can just hug the dean of students."

Quick to smile and, by her own admission, a little "goofy," a closer look into Rosenbaum's dark brown eyes makes it easy to trace—to paraphrase Smokey Robinson—the tracks of her tears. Just prior to the start of this World Cup season Rosenbaum announced her intention to retire from the U.S. Team at the end of the year.

"It's hard," she concedes, "it's been so much a part of who I am for so long."

A nationally ranked competitor for the better part of two decades, her departure from skiing is being hastened, in large part, because of the failure of her sport to be accepted into the Olympic family. "Acro looked like a sure thing for 2002, but then there was the scandal," Rosenbaum sighs, referring to the recent allegations of unethical behavior among Olympic Committee officials.

An English major and regular columnist for Rhode Island's *Newport Daily News*, Rosenbaum will at least get a chance to play a small role in the 2002 Olympic Games. She's accepted an offer to join T. Perkins Miller, Jr. '90 in preparing publications for the Salt Lake Organizing

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Committee. Clearly a worthwhile experience for an aspiring writer, but the assignment is unlikely to do much to slake her competitive spirit. Instead, her senior project—a collection of essays inspired by the experience of donning an old ski team uniform—may be the perfect, if somewhat unlikely, vehicle for Rosenbaum to come to terms with the end of an important chapter in her life.

"I put my jacket on," Rosenbaum recalls of the off-season experience, "and this wave of emotion just washed over me; it was really bizarre, and I just started looking back." As a kaleidoscope of career reflections played out before her eyes, "it was just this bittersweet moment that ripped my heart out and it made me really sad."

As much catharsis as thesis, the personal approach to her project dovetails nicely with Rosenbaum's strengths as an honest and open writer, suggests Professor Daphne Kalotay, her thesis adviser. "Writing the thesis is also an interesting way of bringing into her academic life the very thing that for so long pulled her away from school, away from the typical college experience," Kalotay observes.

Wearing jeans, a soft green sweatshirt, and carrying a rucksack full of books, Rosenbaum doesn't appear much different from your average college student walking across campus. Yet, the years of striving and thriving on the World Cup circuit have left her with an underlying quality perhaps only found in world-class athletes and a handful of others who have reached the pinnacle of their chosen professions.

"I think it's given me the confidence to know that I'm responsible for my success," Rosenbaum says of the self-discipline born of her competitive years. "It's given me a sense of control of my life. I know if I put my heart into it, I can be successful; it's just a matter of choosing what I want to do."

Even as Rosenbaum readies for a "second career," one of her most endearing qualities is her optimism and desire to improve the world.

"She's not at all jaded; it's refreshing," remarks Price. "She's still very much the same person I met when she came here as an 18 year old."

Still, at 26, she's old enough to have seen something of the world, including the ill effects of a corrupt athletic organization, and worse still, a friend sick with breast cancer.

As she looks to the future, Rosenbaum's entertaining a variety of options—from writing for the big screen to skiing in made for television extreme events. But, she acknowledges, her raison d'être may well be to turn her skis in some positive, less commercial direction.

"I have this really bizarre talent because I can flip and spin on skis, but how can I use that?" she asks rhetorically. The answer, she believes, is to assemble skiing's equivalent to the Ice Capades, an international acro cast touring and performing at ski areas around the world. "I want to have shows to benefit breast cancer research," she says emphatically. "I just haven't figured out the logistics."

If her Middlebury career is any indication, it's just a matter of time.

David Healy is an outdoors writer and junior alpine race coach in Vermont.

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distinction in their native language. American infants not only could do so, but had actually gotten much better at making this distinction.

"The evidence of neural pruning and critical periods of brain development suggests that preparing our children to learn languages by first grade, or kindergarten, or even preschool, is too late. Infants are born ready to learn, in peak form," she says. "If we snooze, the child loses, for a long time, perhaps even forever, the ability to learn."

Yu's experiment is designed to test the benefit of introducing a foreign language from day one. Here's the plan: two sets of recordings will be made with parents who are native speakers of Spanish and Chinese. The parents will tape interactions with their infant children as they feed, bathe, change, and play with them during their first year. "The Spanish moms and dads are really interested in this project," says Kim Griffin, director of the Middlebury School in Spain. "American parents might be surprised to learn how similarly parents from all around the world talk to their babies."

As the recordings are completed, the audio content will be collected into carefully sequenced sound files that expose English-speaking children to the kinds of "parentese" that Spanish or Chinese children of the same age would hear. The finished product may incorporate other elements, such as music, repetition, and natural sounds in ways that are calculated to maximize aural receptivity. For example, since research shows that the transfer of information from short-term memory to long-term memory requires the repetition of the same material within 90 minutes, the material will be assembled with that in mind. Initially, 20 volunteer American families expecting to have babies will be chosen for the program.

Yu is the first to admit that this "daring experiment" isn't all that scientific. "This is not meant to be a rigorous research project," she says. "I can poke so many holes in this project it looks like a sieve."

For one thing, there's no control group. Also, the experiment demands long-term monitoring and data gathering, if not continuous programming, for over a decade as the infants begin second language instruction during their preteen years. As yet, there's only enough funding, $25,000 from the Texaco Foundation, to follow the participants during the project's first year. Yu actually views the pilot project as more of a public awareness campaign.

"The value of this is to use it as an exaggerated case, or metaphor really, to make people sit up and listen," she says. "Our effort may eventually lead to widespread programs that enable Americans to grow up neurologically wired for multilingualism. The implications of this, both in terms of personal achievement and national interest, are only limited by imagination."

Interested in participating in the project? Send your inquiry to Infant Simultaneous Language Acquisition Project, Center for Educational Technology, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Kim Asch is a writer living in Burlington, Vermont.

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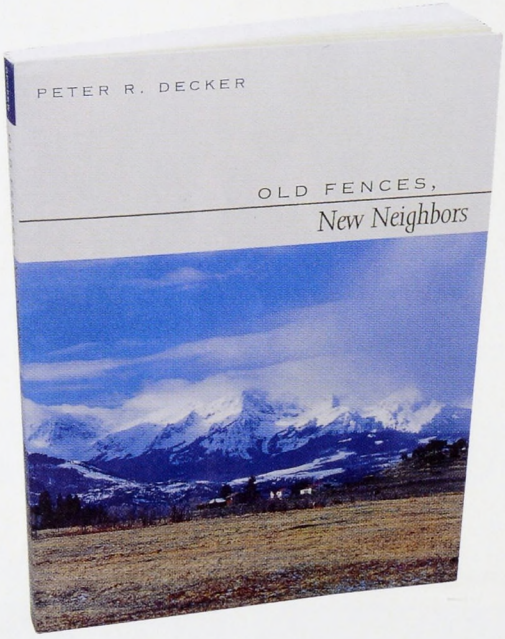

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In 1974, Peter R. Decker '57 and his wife Deedee bought a run-down 600-acre ranch in Ridgway, Colorado, and moved West. Despite the distance, Decker kept his job as a professor at Duke University, while he learned the craft of ranching in the arid Colorado climate. By any standards, his spread in Ouray County, at the base of the glorious San Juan Mountains, was at the other end of the earth, populated primarily by cattle, wildlife, and a few scattered ranching families who had worked the land for generations. Five years later, after gaining experience and acceptance from locals, he began ranching full time. and became an ardent spokesman for agriculture. He was appointed, several years later, Colorado commissioner of agriculture.

In his book *Old Fences, New Neighbors* (University of Arizona Press), Decker chronicles the evolution of this small ranching community as it moves into the new era. The book offers valuable insights into the town's past and future and the people who have been instrumental in both. A must-read for anyone interested in the debate about rural communities, social systems, and change.

Extreme Greene

Professor of English Cates Baldridge has recently offered a fresh interpretation of 20th-century British novelist Graham Greene in *Graham Greene's Fictions, The Virtues of Extremity* (University of Missouri Press, 2000, $34.95 cloth). The author delves deeply into previously unexplored aspects of Greene's uncompromising vision of life, challenging what he calls "a tendency to water down and domesticate Greene, to flatten out the peaks and valleys of his uncompromising vision of life, to overlook the extremity of his novels as if it were an embarassment instead of a glory."

Baldridge feels that Greene's religious views, especially, have been mainstreamed, and states that "any attempt to paint Greene's religious views as conventionally Catholic, or even Christian, does a disservice to the uniqueness—nay, the sheer strangeness—of his religious imaginings." He also discusses the political philosophy of Greene's novels, and focuses specifically on five of Greene's books, including *Brighton Rock, The Power and the Glory, The Heart of the Matter, The Comedians,* and *The Honorary Consul.* Baldridge says that Greene was among those few first-tier writers who give us a "deliberate, contrarian, and ultimately convincing refutation of our familiar and comfortable moral compasses." Writing with both scholars and the general audience in mind, Baldridge releases Greene from the restrictive category of "Catholic novelist" and reveals him as one of the greatest British authors of the century.

Power Plays

In *Power Loss, The Origins of Deregulation and Restructuring in the American Electric Utility System* (MIT

Press, 2000, $50), Richard F. Hirsh '74 sets out to illustrate the effect of technological stagnation, the 1973 energy crisis, and the rise of the environmental movement on the once monopolistic electric utility industry. "A must-read for anyone trying to understand what is happening to the American electric utility industry," says a former manager for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Carl J. Weinberg. Throughout the book, Hirsh follows closely the increased influence of free markets and the eventual transfer of power to open competition, intent on motivating his readers to think more reasonably about the future of electricity in America.

Balkans Brought to Life

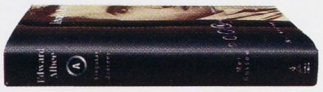
TRAVELING, often on foot, through the Balkans provided poet and critic Christopher Merrill '79 with plenty of intimate experiences to portray in his new book, *Only the Nails Remain: Scenes From the Balkan Wars* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1999). From 1992 through 1996, Merrill traveled through Ljubljana, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Kosovo, and Sarajevo, and in this beautifully written book he introduces the reader to the people and places he met along the way. He describes a land and people torn apart by war and strife, yet a people whose culture is filled with an abundance of poetry, art, and humor.

Peter Matthiessen called the book "an intelligent, incisive, and extremely well-written report from the Balkans which gives body and human dimension to the strange, terrible events of recent years."

Publisher's Weekly concurred: "The beautifully written scenes from his travels are keenly observed and insightful. This book might very well become a modern classic about what once again seems a painful and incomprehensible corner of Europe."

The book includes maps, a select bibliography, and a glossary. *Only the Nails Remain* has already received much critical praise. The first-person accounts of Merrill's experiences with Balkan natives living spirited lives in the face of overwhelming adversity captivate the reader from beginning to end.

Albee's Singular Journey



MEL GUSSOW '55, respected critic and cultural writer for the *New York Times*, has taken 37 years of aquaintance with Edward Albee and presented to the public an intimate portrait of one of the century's greatest playwrights in his biography, *Edward Albee: A Singular Journey* (Simon & Schuster, 1999). Gussow endeavors to make the connections between what Albee himself revealed in his plays and the actualities of his upbringing, his relationships with his adopted family, and how the dynamics of his early life resonate in the brilliance of his work. Hailed as a "modern Beckett" and an influence on the once up-and-coming (Tom Stoppard, David Mamet, and Sam Shepard), Albee is a formidable subject to take on; Gussow employs his personal knowledge of Albee with sensitive determination to illuminate the complex man behind his amazing art.

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ALSO NOTED

Velvet Notes

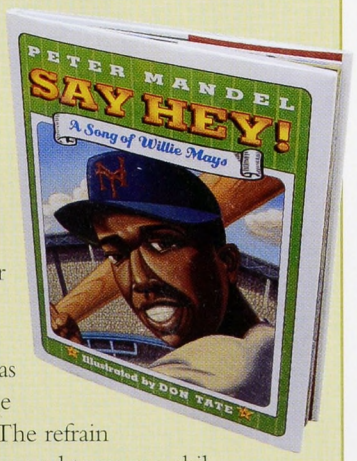
DIANA EGBERS FANNING '71

DIANA FANNING'S NEW CD, MUSICAL TREASURES, is a treasury of gentlest playing. She brings out the floral spirit of Macdowell in the fastidious poignancy and nostalgic poetry of the Janáček collection. This is Janáček the modest singer rather than Janáček the white-haired revolutionary magus. The playing and the work will appeal to anyone who is in touch with the understated lyricism of Dvořák. The flighty hazed fantasy of Fanning's playing of Debussy's "L'Isle Joyeuse" made me want to hear her in John Foulds' "April-England" and William Baines' "Island of the Fey" or "Silverpoints." The Chopin is done with the emphasis on gentle poetry and muted display.

The liner notes show care and studiously avoid the language of the dreary technician. This music, these performances, and the velvety acoustic bring out the warmer emotions. Bask contentedly. —*Rob Barnett, Editor, British Music Society Newsletter www.musicweb.uk.net*

Baseball for Kids

PETER MANDEL '79



WILLIE MAYS, KNOWN AS THE "SAY HEY KID" started off playing baseball in sandlots and ended up a baseball legend. In this read-aloud book for young children, Peter Mandel '79, a lifelong fan of the New York Mets, where Mays played his final season, has written a simple story from the point of view of a young fan. The refrain "Say hey, Willie. Say hey" will appeal to young children's love of repetition and music.

A Hockey Dynasty

WOMEN SKATE AWAY WITH 5TH CHAMPIONSHIP, MEN SO CLOSE IT HURT

Two hockey powerhouse teams: the women, who have not lost an ECAC Division III game in five years, took their 5th ECAC championship; the men, with five national championships in a row, came a breath away from a sixth this year.

BY KELLY KERNER

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE a more dominant team. Since the inception of the ECAC women's hockey alliance, the women's hockey team at Middlebury has won all 92 games they have played in the alliance, won the alliance championship the five years of its existence, amassed a streak of 39 consecutive home wins, outscored ECAC opponents 473-87, and will graduate the most dominant Division III women's hockey player ever, Sylvia Ryan '00, who surpassed the 200 career-point mark in the ECAC finals.

In the recent ECAC final four, the women took on RPI in the semi-final matchup. In the previous meeting of these two teams, RPI, anchored by the stellar play of their goaltender, gave the Panthers their toughest Division III game in five years of competition. Middlebury won, 1-0, but came away from the contest wary of RPI's defensive strength. This game, however, was different. With five different players scoring goals, the Panthers won 6-0 and moved into the finals to face Colgate, the league's second-ranked team.

Another rematch took place at the finals. Just two weeks earlier, Middlebury ambushed the second-ranked Red Raiders 9-0, sending a message that the Panthers were

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN JAKUBEK

clearly the team to beat. In the ECAC finals, Colgate came out well prepared and looking for the upset. At the 8:50 mark in the first period, lightning struck, and the Red Raiders found themselves with a 1-0 lead and venturing into uncharted territory. With 1:41 left in the first period, Sylvia Ryan put home a rebound to tie the game. Period two came and went with no scoring, but Colgate began to show cracks in its armor. In the third period, the cracks opened wide. Sylvia Ryan scored 13 seconds into the period and then completed her hat trick by scoring her 200th career point and putting the Panthers up 3-1. Amber Neil '03 and Ryan scored late goals to secure the 5-1 victory. Sylvia Ryan and Catherine Pullins '00 were selected as co-MVPs of the tournament. Michelle Labbe '01 and Catherine Elkins '02 were named to the all-tournament team.

The team then headed to Northeastern University, where they captured their first women's Division III national championship by demolishing Augsburg College by scores of 5-1 and 8-1.

MEN'S HOCKEY

The men's team has had an interesting ride this year. Injuries and illness have kept the team from being at full strength the entire season. They split games with the two top-ranked teams in the country, Plattsburgh and Norwich, and they battled to a 2-2 overtime tie with Williams in a preview of the battle for the first ever NESCAC tournament championship.

The Panthers entered the NESCAC tournament ranked first in the league and recipients of a first-round bye. In the semifinals Middlebury easily dispatched the Hamilton Continentals 5-2, thus setting up a rematch with Williams, which had beaten Colby 6-1 in their side of the bracket.

The regular season matchup with Williams was witnessed by a record crowd of over 2,400 fans. The NESCAC

Another good reason to win: you get to anoint your coach with a bucket full of water.

SEASON SIZZLES ALL AROUND

FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN A ROW, the Middlebury ski team has finished in the top 10 nationally. The year 2000 was another outstanding year with the team finishing second in every carnival behind UVM. In the NCAA championship, the team placed 6th overall, and three athletes garnered All-America status: Forest Carey '00 (third in the giant slalom and fifth in the slalom); Brooke Laundon '00 (eighth in the giant slalom and third in the slalom); and in nordic competition, Eli Enman '00 (ninth in the 20K race).

The men's swimming and diving teams made a splash in the New England Championships hosted by Bowdoin. Middlebury placed second overall in the 24-team meet. Grayson Stuntz '02 was named swimmer of the meet after capturing three events.

The men finished their regular season with a 5-1 record; the women were 3-3. Senior Jane Calfee, who represented Middlebury at the NCAA swimming championships, set a school record in the 200-meter backstroke. Her time of 2:05.28 was good enough for a second-place finish and All-America honors. Her points enabled the Panthers to finish 23rd overall out of 47 teams competing.

The women's basketball team bounced Williams in their final game and finished the regular season 16-6. The Panthers then headed to the ECAC tournament. Along the way to the finals, the team defeated Western Connecticut in the quarter finals at home and Plymouth State in the Final Four. Their impressive run ended when the Panthers lost a hard-fought final to tournament host Trinity.

The Panther men's basketball team ended its up-and-down season with a 10-13 record. One of the real bright spots of the season was team captain Craig Breen (3.92 GPA) who was recently named to the 1999-2000 GTE Academic All-District Basketball Team.

In the ECAC championships, the women's indoor track team placed 16th of 36 schools, while the men's team finished 19th out of 40 teams. Andy Dixon '00 won the pole vault, and Kate Irvin '01 placed third in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:39.73. At the NCAA indoor championships the women's team finished ninth out of 42 teams competing. The Panthers were led by Kristy Laramee '01, the reigning NCAA outdoor high jump champion, who captured the title at the indoor event with a jump of 5'10". The other highlight of the meet was the sixth-place finish of the distance medley relay team. The senior relay team earned All-America status for their efforts.

The Middlebury College women's squash team placed third in flight "B" of the Howe Cup hosted by Yale. Middlebury defeated Bates 6-3 in the first round before falling 9-0 to Bowdoin in the semifinals. The Panthers bounced back to defeat Colby 8-1 in the third-place game. The team finished the season with a 15-3 record.

This closes out winter. Now bring on mud season.

championship saw a new Chip Kenyon arena record of nearly 3,000 fans.

From the playing of the national anthem, with practically the entire arena singing, to the final horn, the crowd was an indomitable force. When Williams grabbed some momentum, the crowd became louder. As in the regular season game against Williams, the contest was hard-fought and ended regulation in a 2-2 tie with shots on goal nearly equal; Middlebury 30, Williams 29. This time the teams played a 20-minute "sudden-victory" overtime period. It would be hard to find two more equally matched teams. In the end, it all came down to who wanted it more. Approximately five minutes into the overtime, Williams was hit with a penalty which put them down a man and helped the Panthers keep the puck in the Ephman zone. Thirty seconds into the power play, Ben Barnett '00 took a slap shot from the point. NESCAC player of the year Curt Goldman '00 redirected the puck past the NESCAC goalie of the year for the 3-2 Middlebury victory. When the red light went on, the crowd erupted and pandemonium ensued. The victory sent the Panthers to their sixth consecutive NCAA championship tournament.

In the NCAA quarterfinal round, Middlebury faced the second-ranked Plattsburgh State Cardinals at Plattsburgh. The format for the round is a two-game playoff. If the games are split then the victor is decided in a 15-minute mini-game.

In a hotly contested first game, the Panthers skated to a 1-1 tie. This set up an emotional Saturday night face-off where we saw Plattsburgh jump out to a 2-1 lead in the first period. Middlebury came back and scored the next three goals for a 4-2 lead. Then Plattsburgh switched goalies and the tide turned. The Cardinals evened the score at 4-4 in the third period while their goaltender stopped every Panther shot for the rest of the night.

The second game ended in a 4-4 tie and sent the teams into the mini-game. At the end of regulation time, the scoreboard stood at 0-0. They went into the final tie-breaker—sudden death overtime. For the first 12 minutes neither team was able to score and then Plattsburgh snuck the puck past the Panther goalie and the game ended.

It was the longest night of hockey the Panthers played all season. It was a long night for the fans, too. An exhausted crowd of nearly 1,000 fans made the long drive home. Although they were sad to see the five-year winning streak come to an end, their faith was not lost. As the notorious leader of the student cheering section, Victor Shaio '01, said, "These guys really are champions because they have been able to raise the standard of Middlebury athletics to a new level; they have set the standard."

The Panthers finished the season 20-5-3. Seniors Ben Barnett, John Giannacopoulos, and Curt Goldman were named to the All-American teams.

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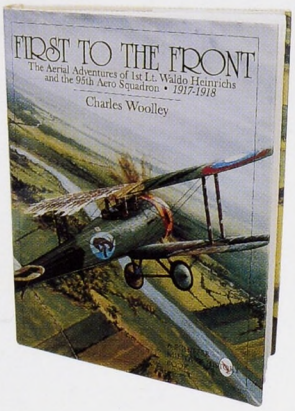

THE 95TH AERO SQUADRON was the first American pursuit squadron to fly over the front in March 1918, and 1st Lt. Waldo Heinrichs, who would later become professor of contemporary civilization at Middlebury, was one of its original members. The history of the squadron is told in *First to the Front, The Aerial Adventures of 1st Lt. Waldo Heinrichs and the 95th Aero Squadron, 1917-1918,* by Charles Wooley (Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 1999) through the words of those who served. Heinrichs' richly written diary forms the nucleus of the story, and is supported by contemporary letters, anecdotes, and combat reports from many of the other flyers. Entries from the official squadron history, as contained in the *History of the American Air Services A.E.F.*, round out the narrative.

The excerpts give a real feel for the life of the aviators. When Heinrichs was taken prisoner, he writes in his journal: "They took me first to a German hospital . . . Got me out and took me to the operating room directly where my wounds were very painfully redressed. A nun in white, later to be known as 'Sister Butcher' or 'The Fat Sister,' started a tirade on me when she heard I was an American. She said if the U.S. hadn't entered the war I wouldn't be there now."

Over 280 photos, most unpublished, from the personal albums of the participants, show planes, places, and personnel which surrounded this happy band of warriors. The author, Charles Wooley, is the son of one of the original 95th pilots.

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Public Rituals, Private Rites

BY JOHN M. McCARDELL, JR.

FOR AS LONG as human civilization has existed, societies have marked the progress of individual lives by means of ritual. The term, "rite of passage," is well known and understood. Ceremony and liturgy punctuate with formality and gravity moments of meaning in due succession, and not only in the form of religious ritual (though we may most immediately associate such rites with birth, baptism, the attainment of adulthood, marriage, death), but also in the civic sphere. For example, in Vermont, Town Meeting Day is an annual ritual in which fundamental political beliefs are reasserted, celebrated, and acted out.

These rituals are a part of society's glue, binding an increasingly diverse population at periodic intervals to higher principles, reminding us of those many things we have in common, insisting that at least for a moment we subordinate our own petty agendas to a reaffirmation of the values that shape our imperfect human communities. They permit everyone who joins in to belong wholly. In their noblest forms they combine majestic, even if simple, language with actual participation. Indeed, our most meaningful rituals are not entirely passive. They encourage, even require, some form of involvement by all present. They are inclusive.

Ritual can, however, also have a dark underside, which usually begins with secrecy. Covert rituals are, almost by definition, exclusive, not inclusive, and they assume that whatever may be taking place behind the closed doors is best kept hidden. This can be, of course, quite exciting, both to those shuttered in and those kept out. Most of us are intrigued by mystery, particularly by mystery that can never, ever, be solved.

Not surprisingly, because we are the mirror of the real world's possibilities, and also of its imperfections, academic institutions, over our long histories, have had experience with both kinds of rituals. Those of the public variety constitute some of our most cherished moments: convocation, commencement, reunion. Those of the private variety hold a less honorable place. Sometimes these private rituals, which usually commemorate initiation of membership in an organization, are harmless, though often juvenile. Of these there is little more to say, except to express the hope that they represent ultimately a putting away of childish things.

Other private rituals, however, and it must be said, go beyond juvenility, and the fact that every effort is made to keep them secret, and that when from time to time they are revealed they are deplored, tell us all we should need to know about the degree to which, in a civil community, they should be tolerated. The current term for this form of ritual is "hazing," and a recent national survey reminds us that hazing still occurs on college campuses.

Released by Alfred University last autumn, this survey involved over 325,000 student athletes at more than 1,000 NCAA schools. The findings include the following, taken verbatim from the report (the full report may be found at www.alfred.edu).

More than a quarter of a million students experienced some form of hazing to join a college athletic team.

One in five was subjected to unacceptable and potentially illegal hazing. They were kidnapped, beaten, or tied up and

abandoned. They were also forced to commit crimes—destroying property, making prank phone calls, or harassing others.

Half were required to participate in drinking contests or alcohol-related hazing.

Two in five consumed alcohol on recruitment visits even before enrolling.

Two-thirds were subjected to humiliating hazing.

Only one in five participated exclusively in positive initiations, such as team trips or ropes courses.

We must take this evidence seriously, and we do. The report recommends three specific actions that institutions might take. Middlebury College has taken them all:

Send a clear anti-hazing message in policy, education, and enforcement.

Expect responsibility, integrity, and civility on the part of athletes, team captains, coaches, and administrators.

Offer team-building initiation rites facilitated by trained coaches or other adults.

The College has long had strict anti-hazing policies (Vermont is one of those states that has no anti-hazing law), and stern penalties for their violation. Our coaches and our student affairs administrators have made clear that these policies are serious, and, as a result, violations have been minor and quite infrequent. In athletics, coaches and captains create and sustain a team culture. We have been very fortunate that this leadership over the years has been so positive. (It may also explain why our athletes have had such competitive success year in and year out!)

Yet we know this problem will never fully go away. Thus, at this spring's meeting of the New England Small College Athletic Conference, teams of presidents, athletic directors, student deans, and team captains will spend an afternoon discussing the Alfred report and developing a conference statement on hazing. Such a statement will give real substance to our stated opposition to hazing, and will establish NESCAC as a national leader in this, as in so many other areas of athletics. It will send a clear message to high schools about the expectations we hold for student athletes. Finally, it will remind us that those rites of passage that hold the greatest meaning, and the greatest educational benefits, are those that are positive, inclusive, and not veiled in secrecy.

Covert rituals are, almost by definition, exclusive, not inclusive, and they assume that whatever may be taking place behind the closed doors is best kept hidden.

Campuses where hazing was most likely to occur were primarily in eastern or southern states with no anti-hazing laws. The campuses were rural, residential, and had Greek systems.

There is much more to this report, which must be read critically. By this I mean that it must neither be entirely denied nor assumed to be a specific reflection of practices on our own campus. Moreover, although the report focuses on athletics, the problem of hazing is by no means limited to that part of the institution.

HAZING POLICIES

The College prohibits hazing activities, whether by an individual or an organization. Conduct may be considered hazing if it:

- Endangers the mental health, physical well-being, or safety, or rights of any individual;
- Causes physical or emotional injury; or
- Leads to a violation of Vermont state law or Middlebury College policies.

Examples of prohibited individual/group activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Requiring participation in activities that by design do not allow adequate time for study;
- Requiring the use of alcohol in any process or activity;
- Requiring nudity at any time;
- Throwing substances or objects at individuals with intent to harm;
- Vandalizing, defacing, or stealing any property;
- Verbal abuse or threatening physical harm;
- Assigning unreasonable chores;
- Forcing a person to eat something against his or her will; or
- Requiring excessive exercise.

Hazing activity may lead to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Hazing may also lead to the termination of a student organization.

Good Catch

FEMALE FLY-FISHING GUIDE LEADS THE WAY

BY CHRIS SANTELLA '85

AMY RANDALL '92 left the business suit for the most important interview of her life. Instead she met her prospective employer, John Hazel (one of Oregon's finest fishing guides) at the boat launch on the Deschutes River in Oregon. As Hazel stepped into the passenger seat of her drift boat, he said, "All right, let's see how you row this baby down the river."

Randall began rowing down a river which, in February, was pretty "high and nasty," and Hazel watched carefully as she dropped into the first set of rapids, then had her land the boat in some tricky spots.

"As we neared the take out," says Randall, "I really wanted to do a little fishing, despite the murkiness of the river. So I rigged up and made my first cast." As she felt something grab, she let out a whoop—she'd hooked an eight-pound steelhead.

John Hazel was impressed. "As she was fighting and landing this fish, I was thinking, 'This woman skillfully maneuvers a boat, confidently handles the fish, and thoughtfully communicates her love for the river and all it encompasses. She may just have what it takes to be a guide.' "

Amy Randall '92 is the only full-time female fly-fishing guide on Oregon's Deschutes River.

John hired Amy at the take out, and today she is the only full-time female fly-fishing guide on central Oregon's Deschutes River.

Though not born wielding a fly rod, Amy has always had a passion for fishing. "When I was little in Minnesota, my dad used to take my brothers on special father-son fishing trips to Canada. I remember standing in the driveway frustrated as hell as I watched all the fathers and sons pack their rods into the station wagons and drive away. Oh yeah, Dad was fair, and we did father-daughter camping and canoeing trips, but I longed to be a part of those wilderness fly-in adventures in Canada."

While there were a few forays on Otter Creek, Amy's real introduction to fly-fishing came while working on the HF Bar Dude Ranch in Wyoming. "There was an entomology professor who was a guest of the ranch. He schooled me on the basics. I learned enough to catch tons of small cutthroat trout in a creek on the property. I guess you could say I was hooked."

Amy's next move took her to Portland and an administrative job with Pacific Crest Outward Bound School, where she was

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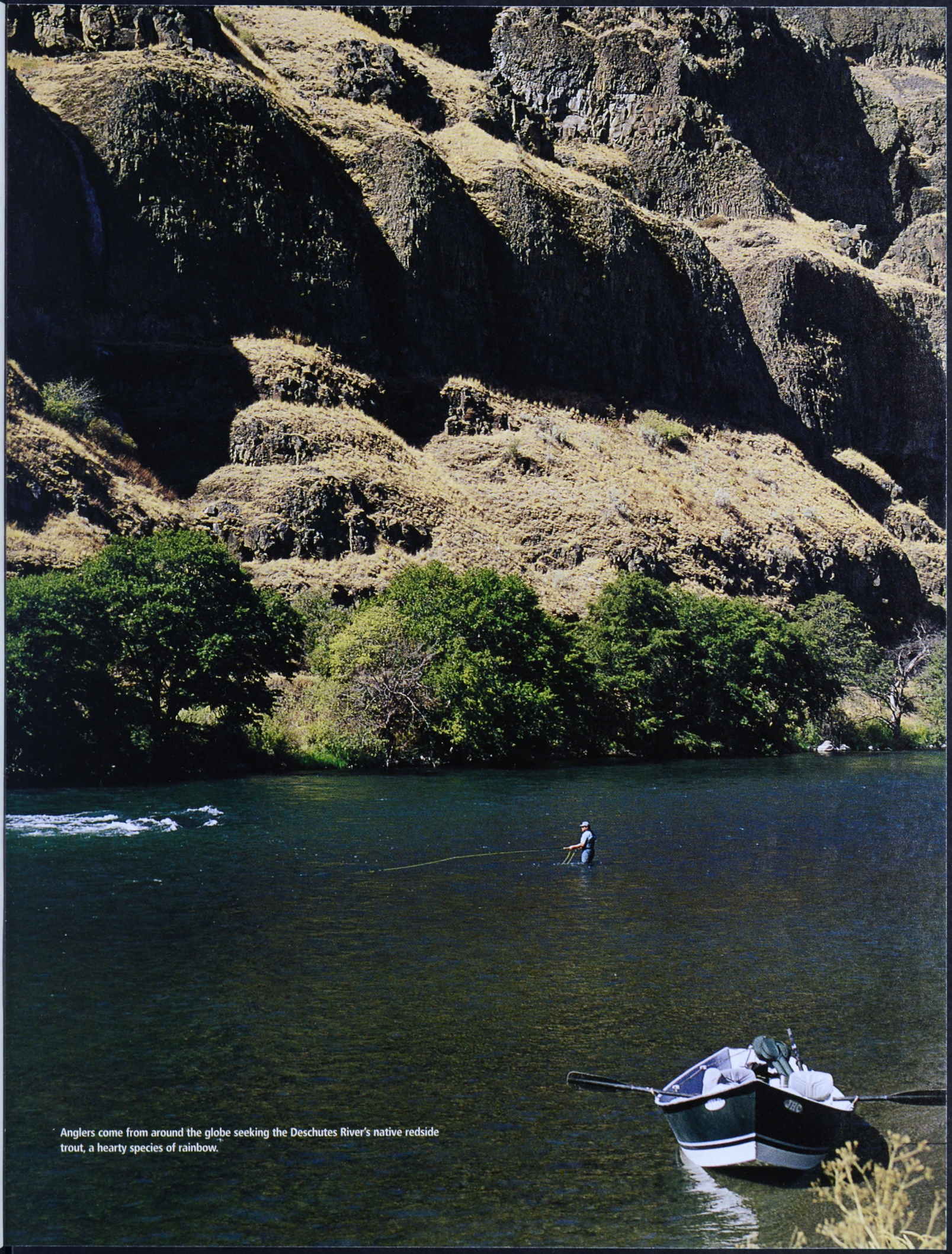

Anglers come from around the globe seeking the Deschutes River's native redside trout, a hearty species of rainbow.

"I'll be rowing down the river and suddenly get a chill down my spine as we approach a spot—when this happens I grab the oars and pull the boat over. It's incredibly satisfying and magical for both me and my client when that gut feeling turns into a hookup."

introduced to the Deschutes River, a powerful tailwater that flows north from the central Cascade Mountains through high desert canyons to eventually join the Columbia River.

While making frequent escapes to the Deschutes over the next two years, Amy quietly planned and then executed a more exotic adventure—she traveled around the world solo on a fly-fishing expedition. In 15 months of traveling, from September 1997 to December 1998, she took fish on a fly in every continent she visited.

She stalked brown and rainbow trout in New Zealand. She waded dangerously close to crocodiles and hippos in Zimbabwe and Zambia where she caught the toothy, high-jumping tiger fish. While exploring a small river in the remote Sikkim region of India, Randall hooked whitefish before an audience.

"Thirty or forty villagers followed me as I worked my way along one river. I was way off the well-beaten backpacker's path. I'm certain that these people had seen very few (if any) foreigners —and here was a light-skinned woman with blonde hair and green eyes waving a long thin stick over the river they use for drinking, bathing, washing clothes, irrigation, etc. In one part of India I came upon people dynamiting the river for fish. Sometimes, on a hard day of fishing in Oregon, we make jokes about dropping a few sticks of dynamite in the river. In India, it was no joke."

An especially satisfying fishing moment came in Ireland on the River Moy, a celebrated Atlantic salmon fishery. "I came up to the river with my fly rod, and there was a group of older British men there, bait-fishing. None of them had their baits in the river, though. They were resting, shooting the breeze. I asked if they would mind if I swung a fly through the run. They looked at each other and kind of smirked. Then one fellow said 'You won't be getting a fish today, lass.' What he probably meant was, me being a woman and fishing with a fly rod, 'you probably wouldn't be getting a fish on any day.' "

On the second cast, Amy hooked a fish. "All of those fellows who were giving me a hard time were falling over themselves trying to give me advice—mostly bad—on landing the salmon. In spite of their help, I did land it. "

A small epiphany came while teaching her father to fly-fish while in Argentina on the Malleo River. "As I was coaching Dad—the old walleye fisherman—on drifting a nymph, I realized this was what I wanted to do. And that I could do it."

Amy attended the Northwest Fly Fishing Exposition upon returning to Portland, and, after the floating interview with John Hazel, began a rigorous apprenticeship. For the rest of the winter and early spring, she was out on the Deschutes every day, studying the water, memorizing spots and names of places, noting good

Photographs by Dec Hogan

A Deschutes steelhead is a torpedo of flesh and blood. The strike and flight of a steelhead on a fly rod is memorable as few other fishing experiences are.

holding water for trout when the water was high and when the water was low. There was more entomology and more studying of the fly-fishing canon. "Amy must have a photographic memory," John Hazel said. "She learned the river faster than anyone I've ever seen."

For the angler, the Deschutes is indeed a river worth learning. The lower 100 miles (below Pelton Dam) flow through high basalt canyons that shift from russet to red to umber as the sun rises and sets. Anglers come from around the globe seeking the river's native redside trout, a hearty species of rainbow that responds appreciatively to flies mimicking the Deschutes' prolific insect hatches. Come August, steelhead—a species of ocean-going rainbow trout—arrive in the Deschutes to spawn. Running from 5 to 15 pounds, a Deschutes steelhead is a torpedo of flesh and blood. The strike and flight of a steelhead on a fly rod is memorable, as few other fishing experiences are. Make that few other experiences. During the fall, steelhead are the focus for Deschutes anglers.

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In late spring, Amy accompanied John and the other guides on the team on floats, carefully noting their technique. "Some of the best water is at spots I'd never thought of fishing," Amy says. "It's not always intuitive. John and the other guides would pepper me with questions—the questions they figured clients used to male guides would be inclined to ask. For my credibility—and the credibility of the company—it was important to have the right answers."

Female fishing guides are uncommon, yet most male clients have responded exceedingly well to Amy's river leadership. "A few guys seem to feel like they can't relax around me. Like they've got to hike halfway up a canyon to relieve themselves. I almost want to say, 'Guys, in India I saw a lot worse than some fella peeing.'"

While Amy enjoys leading her charges to trout and steelhead, the fishing experiences are dramatically different. "Trout are easier to figure out. You present the right fly pattern to them in the right manner, they're going to take it. They can't help themselves. Steelhead are tricky. You can't hook up with them at will. You might go days without a hookup. Then things change. There are certain kinds of water that you can anticipate finding the fish in, but in steelhead fishing there are no guarantees.

"At a certain point you've got to go with feeling. We may know 20 great holding spots on a stretch of river but we only have enough good daylight to stop and fish seven or eight of those runs. This is where you have to go with your gut instinct. I'll be rowing down the river and suddenly get a chill down my spine as we approach a spot—when this happens I grab the oars and pull the boat over. It's incredibly satisfying and magical for both me and my client when that gut feeling turns into a hookup.

"Steelhead are magical, beautiful fish. To be able to feel and hold, if only for a few seconds, a creature that's gone from a small creek off the Deschutes out to the Columbia, out to the Pacific, maybe as far as Kamchatka, Russia, and then has swum all the way back to spawn and ensure that future generations will follow. It's all part of another amazing day at the office for me."

With her first season on the Deschutes behind her, Amy is taking a little time to relax. "Our high season is relatively short, late May to early November. But the days are long, usually 4:30 in the morning to 9 or 10 at night, by the time we've unloaded the boat and prepped it for the next day. During steelhead season, I was out something like five weeks in a row, every day. There's nothing I'd rather be doing. But it's nice to have a break. I should be plenty rejuvenated by the beginning of the trout season."

Have her travels helped prepare her for this vocation? You bet. "When I get someone from a different part of the world out here, the odds are pretty good that I've been to their home and have some understanding of that person's culture. There's a universality to the fishing experience. My travels have put me in touch with that universality.

"And hey, being an economics major at Midd has helped me relate to all those CEOs who sit in the front of my boat."

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BY DOUG WILHELM

THE STORY OF HOW AN $8 MILLION GIFT came to the Middlebury Schools Abroad last year—the largest single gift or grant in the College's history—begins 80 years ago, far, far from Middlebury.

It begins in Shanghai, China, in 1918—a port city, which, in the aftermath of World War I, was a place where capitalist fortunes were made and the Chinese Communist Party was born. It was also an enclave for foreign investment, and among many others, it attracted a young American, Cornelius Vander Starr. Despite his patrician sounding name, Starr had grown up humbly: his father was a railroad engineer, his mother took in boarders, and by the time he shipped himself East, C.V. Starr had already started and sold an ice cream parlor, read for the bar, been a soldier, and built and sold an insurance brokerage in San Francisco.

In Shanghai, Starr began selling insurance to the Chinese people—a radical business act at the time. The established British firms were insuring, and employing, only Westerners in China. Starr not only sold policies to the Chinese, he hired them—not as traditional go-betweens but to help him run his growing business. By the late 1920s, Starr's Asia Life Insurance Company had offices across China and in Hong Kong, Indochina, Java, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Starr had created the prototype of the modern multinational corporation, along with what would become the largest insurance group in the world, now known as the American International Group, Inc., or AIG.

Among Starr's many Chinese friends and business associates was an influential banker named Singloah Hsu, who was killed in 1939 when his plane was shot down by the Japanese. Starr decided to send his friend's son to college in America; thus, T. C. Hsu attended Haverford College, courtesy of Starr. T.C. Hsu was the first of a number of Asian, European, and African young people whom Starr personally put through college—most often at Middlebury, Dartmouth, and Amherst.

Last summer, T. C. Hsu was on campus to receive an honorary degree at the commencement ceremonies of the Language Schools. When Starr died childless in 1968, virtually his entire estate passed to the Starr Foundation, the charitable adjunct to his global insurance operation. Upon his death, presidency of the Starr Foundation passed from Starr to T. C. Hsu.

During Hsu's presidency of the Starr Foundation, from 1969 until last spring, it has quietly supported higher education with a long list of gifts to scores of institutions. This year's $8 million gift

▪ A QUIET MAN LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY ▪

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■ C.V. Starr: He had no children of his own, but he made a "hobby" of sending promising young people to school.

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to Middlebury was the latest, and largest, fruit of a long relationship between Starr, his companies, his foundation, and the College.

"It's an extension of what we conceive as Mr. Starr's wishes," says T.C. Hsu, "to help education, and to help Middlebury. And the best of Middlebury, we always thought was language."

THERE HAS BEEN NO GREATER SINGLE SPONSOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM AT MIDDLEBURY THAN THE STARR FOUNDATION

A PASSION FOR ANONYMITY

C.V. Starr was a powerful man—but reserved. He liked to do his good works quietly, and, even in his time, he was not widely known. According to Walter Brooker, a former New York advertising executive, who served as the College's first development director from 1956-1981, "During that 25 years, I think by far the most interesting and remarkable man I met was this C.V. Starr. Unlike other powerful men who had publicity people to make sure the world knew they were important, he had a publicity person to do the opposite: keep his name out of the newspapers."

Fred Neuberger, director of admissions from 1960-1991, concurs: "He had a Cadillac with big fins—but he had the fins cut off. He thought they looked too ostentatious."

"When I got to know him," Brooker continues, "he had a penthouse apartment in New York, an estate in upstate New York, a townhouse in Paris, and a place he called the Lookout in Hong Kong. It was up on the mountain, overlooking the bay.

"His hobby was sending kids to college," Brooker adds. When Starr met a young person whom he thought had potential and special qualities, he would often simply put that young man or woman through school. Among those that Starr personally sponsored at Middlebury were Guttorm Berge '53, Harry C. Hsiang '59, Daniel H. Ley '65, Roger A.W. Stephens '68, and Abdoul-Alim Issa '73.

Over the years, Starr would regularly visit his protégés at Middlebury. "He'd come over from Stowe and take them out to dinner—check up on them," says College President John M. McCardell, Jr.

Guttorm Berge, the first Starr scholar at Middlebury, remarks

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■ Starr liked to make money. One of his sayings was, "Well, you have to have worries, but you'd be better off having them in a Cadillac than in a rickshaw."
- John Ahlers, Starr's treasurer

THE TIES BETWEEN MIDDLEBURY AND STARR BECAME MORE NUMEROUS AND INTERLOCKED OVER THE YEARS.

that "Mr. Starr . . . advised us on our problems. He explained things in crystal-clear terms—often much better than our professors." Another Starr scholar, Daniel Ley, says he valued "the personal advice" the most. Roger Stephens remembers that "I limped through first year and came within one point of failing. . . I expected him to be pretty mad. How completely wrong I was. . . He talked as one man to another of responsibilities and aims in life. One year later I. . . got my honors and Mr. Starr was present in person to witness the finale. . . "

A group of Starr's protégés got together and sent him a silver tray as a gift on his 74th birthday. T. C. Hsu had it inscribed with a quote from Aristotle: "They who educate children well are more honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well."

THE MIDDLEBURY – AIG CONNECTION

Starr himself had no degree. He left the University of California at Berkeley after a year in 1911, saying he had no time for college. In 1955 he accepted an honorary doctorate from Middlebury, both for his support of students and for his central role in creating the Vermont ski industry. (In 1950 he created the Mt. Mansfield Company, with control over all Stowe's land, lifts, ski schools, and hotels.)

It was the weekend during which he received Middlebury's honorary degree that, Walt Brooker recalls, ignited Starr's special affection for this college.

"Mr. Starr married late in life," Brooker says, "and after they divorced he went into such a depression. We didn't even know if he was going to show up to get his degree. But he did show up." Also on hand for an honorary degree was Katharine Cornell, then a well-known American actress. She was a lively and outgoing woman. Brooker recalls, "She kidded him, brought him out of his gloom. For that, Middlebury was always a special place for him."

"It was not only his love of education and international studies, but Vermont," says Florence Davis, the foundation's current president. "He loved Vermont."

The ties between Middlebury and Starr become more numerous and interlocked over the years as various AIG executives sent their sons and daughters to Middlebury. William S. Youngman (a former College trustee) sent his son Robert P. Youngman '64 to Middlebury; Robert also worked at AIG and chaired the College's Board of Trustees from 1993-1995. Clare Tweedy McMorris '67 attended Middlebury—her father Gordon B. Tweedy was a member, with Mansfield Freeman and Bill Youngman, of the original AIG management team.

"Middlebury is kind of an extension, it's part of the family," says Gladys Thomas, a Starr Foundation vice president whose son Landon graduated from Middlebury in 1987.

So it must have felt something like a gift from an old friend, when John McCardell, in a Christmas eve phone call from Bob Youngman, learned that Middlebury had received the $8 million grant for the Schools Abroad.

"I can't think of a better way to begin Christmas," he says. "There has been no greater single sponsor of the international curriculum at Middlebury than the Starr Foundation."

■ Starr never finished college—he left UC Berkeley after a year in 1911 saying he had no time for college. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Middlebury in 1955.

"It certainly made my day—and my year," adds Youngman, who played a key role in securing the gift.

A SPRINGBOARD INTO CHINA

To be paid over five years, the Starr grant will enable Middlebury to expand its current European programs into smaller cities and provincial capitals, "where our students can be better integrated and assimilated into local life," says Michael Katz, dean of languages and international studies.

"That's initiative number one," he says. "Initiative number two is altogether new areas. China and Latin America are the two we're looking at most seriously."

Several previous attempts to set up a Middlebury program in China, which would be the College's first residential program in Asia, fell victim to politics, the Tiananmen Square massacre, and the Chinese government's desire to control the operation.

"Our folks say the Chinese are much more open now to this kind of flexibility and to negotiating a mutually beneficial agreement," says Katz, who in summer 1998 convened a "China summit" on campus to talk about the prospect with representatives of the Chinese department, the East Asian studies program, the Chinese summer school, and the environmental studies program.

"We reached the conclusion that the time is right, the need apparent, and Middlebury is the best institution to do this," he says. "We want a first-rate language and culture program in the People's Republic." A consultant for the College spent this past summer researching locations in China, outside the capital city.

In Latin America, the Starr grant will enable Middlebury to explore prospects for greater cooperation with SUNY-Plattsburgh, which operates several programs that Middlebury students have attended with good results.

Overall, "there's been a pent-up demand for some new initiatives," Katz says, "and this gives us a chance both to enhance existing programs and to explore new options."

There seems little question that Starr would be gratified by the gift and its intended impacts. He built his insurance businesses, first in China and then in Latin America; he was a lifelong lover of Asian culture and a promoter of international collaboration.

"I really think he would have been pleased with the Middlebury grant," says T. C. Hsu. "I think he found that this was an ideal place for young people."

Doug Wilhelm is a writer in Vermont.

STARR GIFTS OVER THE YEARS

- C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad 1999
- C.V. Starr Scholarship (early 90s)
- C.V. Starr Professorship in Russian and East European Studies (1987)
- C.V. Starr Chair in Languages and Linguistics (1979)
- Freeman Foundation of Stowe, which has, sometimes controversially, backed both land conservation and public education in Vermont. The late Mansfield Freeman and his son, Houghton "Buck" Freeman, were leading AIG executives.

BY DAVID HEALY

WHEELCHAIR UNBOUND

OLYMPIAN CHRIS WADDELL SHATTERS STEREOTYPES

Scroll back to December 20, 1988, and you'd find Chris Waddell '91 lying flat in the intensive care unit of the Hartford hospital, a suction tube running down his nasal passage. Still in shock from a ski injury that would leave him paralyzed from the waist down, his body was unable even to process his saliva. Not fully conscious, Waddell began to pull the tube from his nose. When the medical team tried to intervene, the Middlebury freshman did a remarkable thing: He waved them off, saying, "No, I want to know what's going on with my body."

In that one gut-wrenching gesture, Waddell may well have taken his first step down the road to recovery by asserting that he remained the master of his own destiny. And in each courageous step that's followed, he's cut a path marked not only by determination and achievement, but—as if fed by the intensity of the experience—deep self-reflection and enormous personal growth.

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Today, Waddell sits in a wheelchair, but on top of the world as an athlete and person. He's the reigning World Champion in the 200-meter wheelchair track event and this past February added an overall monoski World Cup title to his growing list of athletic accomplishments. With the millennial Olympics scheduled for this summer in Sydney, and the Winter Games back on America's home turf in Salt Lake City in 2002, Waddell seems poised to inspire a nation.

"He's one of the most amazing and outstanding people I have ever met," affirms Dean of Student Affairs Ann Hanson. "He is one of my heroes," she adds without reserve.

A February freshman in 1988, Waddell had just returned home for December vacation after his second semester of college when he took to the slopes of Berkshire East, near his home in western Massachusetts. An expert skier and member of the Middlebury Ski Team, Waddell had a ski binding release prematurely causing a fall that sent him into the trees beside the slope. The impact crushed two vertebrae and severed his spinal cord. Two months later to the day, the personable skier returned to Middlebury.

"I left the hospital on Friday and returned to school on Sunday," Waddell recalled recently from his home in Park City, Utah. "In two days' time, they made a 200-year-old school accessible," he says, characteristically underscoring the efforts of others, rather than his own determination to jump back into the mainstream at first chance.

"One of the intriguing things about Chris is there appears to have been so little of the anger and denial, what I call 'that wallowing phase,'" observes Jennifer Zanka, a Waddell admirer who works with the U.S. Disabled Ski Team. Motivated and upbeat as always, Waddell instead viewed the physical challenges as an opportunity to grow and learn, say family and friends.

"We were all put at ease, because Chris was at ease with it," recalls Matt Martin '91, one of Waddell's closest college friends. "It wasn't like there was a pink elephant in the room we couldn't talk about. He never lost his sense of humor. His expectations of himself were the same; his attitude was the same; he was sort of still attacking life."

And if his attitude remained unchanged, so too was his desire to ski. With the help of Bart Bradford, then Middlebury's head alpine ski coach, and Middlebury Friends of Skiing, Waddell found the means to return to the slopes. Riding a new monoski—essentially a $2,000 bucket seat with a shock absorber mounted on a ski—Waddell began a new run at his favorite sport. Just short of the first anniversary of his accident, he was back riding the lifts at the Snow Bowl.

"I went skiing at the Snow Bowl with Bart and Tom Buchanan, the assistant coach, when the monoski arrived," Waddell recalls. "Bart asked me, 'What do you want to do?' I figured skiing is skiing, so I said, 'Let's go to the top.' Well, skiing may be skiing, but I forgot that when you try to do something different, there is always a learning process. By the end of the day, I had made two consecutive direction changes, I don't think you can call it linking turns. When we returned to school I called Jim Martinson, the

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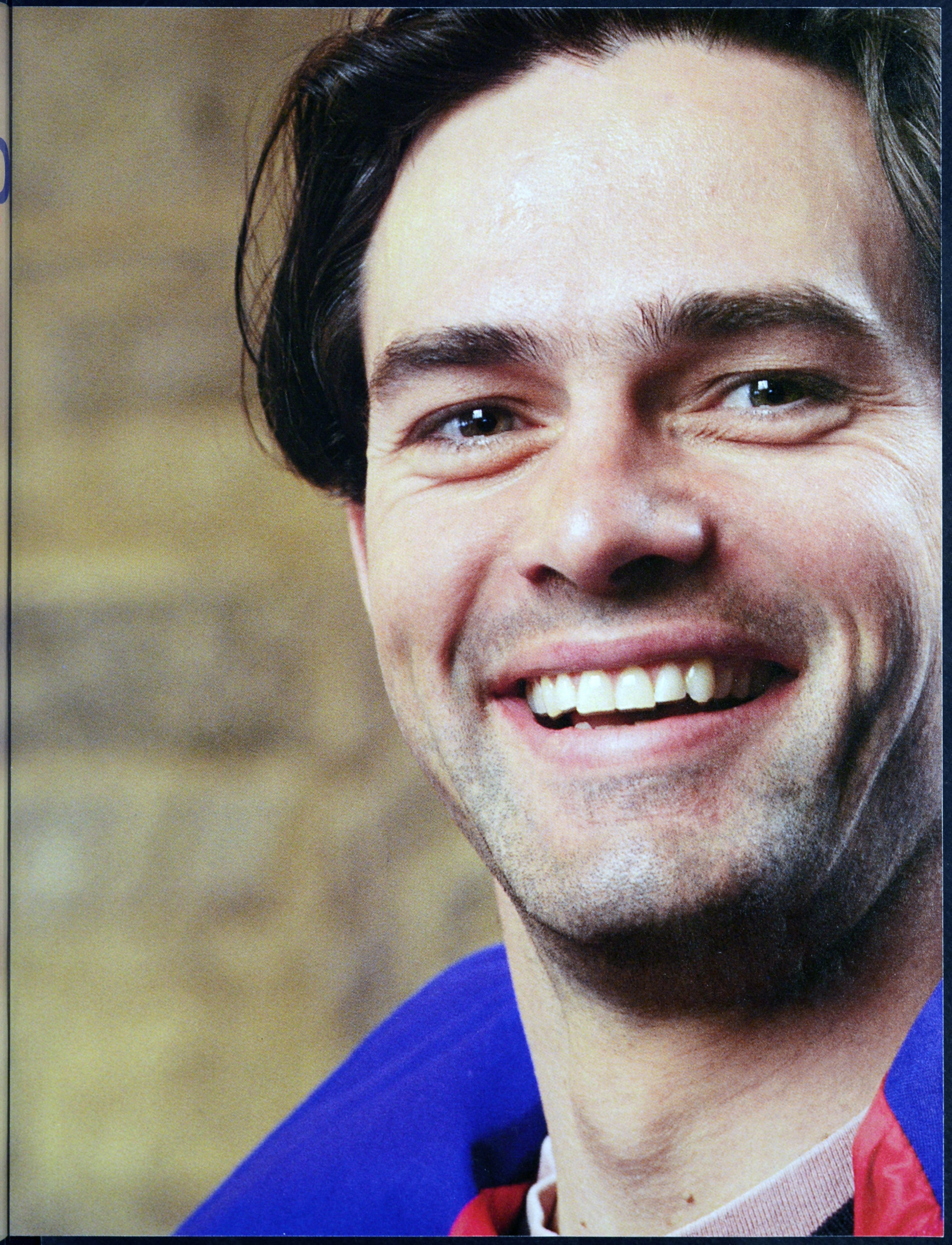

manufacturer of the monoski, and asked him point blank, 'How do you make this thing turn?' "

But if good fortune comes to those who earn it, Waddell's gritty determination would eventually pay in spades. Through the efforts of a family friend, Waddell was invited to visit the nation's foremost adaptive ski program in Winter Park, Colorado. Capturing the eye of documentary filmmaker Deborah Robin, his experience became the dramatic centerpiece of her movie *To Dream Again*, a film that has played to overflow crowds here on campus. Back in his element, it was only a matter of time before Waddell mastered the monoski and discovered a vehicle to a new life in the limelight.

Since his graduation in 1992, Waddell has emerged as one of the world's premier athletes of any kind and one of the most visible role models for people with disabilities. Not since swimmer Mark Spitz captured seven gold medals in Munich in 1972 has any one person so dominated an Olympic sport. After collecting two silver medals in Albertville, Waddell made an unprecedented sweep of four alpine skiing events in the 1994 Lillehammer Games, and then brought home two more silvers from Nagano.

And, as if the laurels for his athletic accomplishments weren't enough, Waddell captured the broadcast attention of everyone from Tom Brokaw to Warren Miller. But the capper may have come this past spring when the handsome skier and part-time model joined the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio and British Prime Minister Tony Blair as one of *People Magazine*'s 50 Most Beautiful People for 1999.

"Well, first of all, it's a tremendous honor," Waddell parries, when asked about his selection. "Actually," he allows, "to be included is kind of cool and far reaching, as far as 'the movement' goes, if you will. I'm not there to fill a quota, it's a big step."

Inheriting the mantle of leadership from 1980s disabled superstar Diana Golden, Waddell seems intent on leaving a high-water mark in the sands of time. "I want to leave a legacy and I want to be part of history," he declares. "My hope is that through sports, which is such a natural stage, able and disabled people alike will see me and take it as a measure of what we can do."

Anyone who sees the 31-year-old Waddell ski, or even slip gracefully from his chair to his car, can't help but consider that he's an athlete first and a person with physical challenges second. As his friend, Lara Rosenbaum, puts it, "When you meet him, you don't notice that he's disabled—he transcends his disability." Still, the irony of his career path isn't lost on Waddell.

"My athletic career would have basically ended when I left Middlebury," he responds unequivocally to the suggestion that without the accident he might be wearing a business suit, instead of ski pants and a parka. "You can say 'may not' [have had a career in skiing] but it's pretty unlikely I would have," he says good humoredly. "I'm living a child's life, and the Peter Pan thing is good for me."

FREQUENTLY ON THE FLY BETWEEN ATHLETIC EVENTS, photo shoots, and a variety of motivational speaking engagements, Waddell's life is full, if somewhat less glamorous than DiCaprio's. "People are surprised when I say the quality of my life hasn't really diminished," he reports. "They'll say, 'But life's changed, you can't walk anymore.' And I say, 'Yeah well, I've also visited nearly every continent and had some incredible experiences.' I mean, I've visited with the President a couple of times. I don't think I'd have done that if I hadn't had the injury."

Philosophical about the drawbacks of being partially paralyzed, Waddell prefers to count his blessings, not the least of which are the opportunities the injury presented for personal growth. "At Shake-a-leg, (a secondary rehabilitation facility in Newport, Rhode Island), I was essentially learning to live my life fully in a wheelchair—truly one of the greatest periods in my life, because I had the opportunity to learn something new every day, to go forward." And go forward he did.

An asthmatic, who literally turned blue in the face running around the soccer fields of his youth, Waddell is currently preparing to compete in six track events—four individual and two team relays—in this summer's Paralympics in Sydney, Australia. It will be his third consecutive Summer Games.

"I came back to athletics to realize my potential, I wanted to be the best in the world in something," Waddell says in reference to his desire to excel in skiing. "To be a world-class athlete you need to train like a world-class athlete, so that's really how I started with the wheelchair."

Competitive by nature, Waddell bought his first racing chair as

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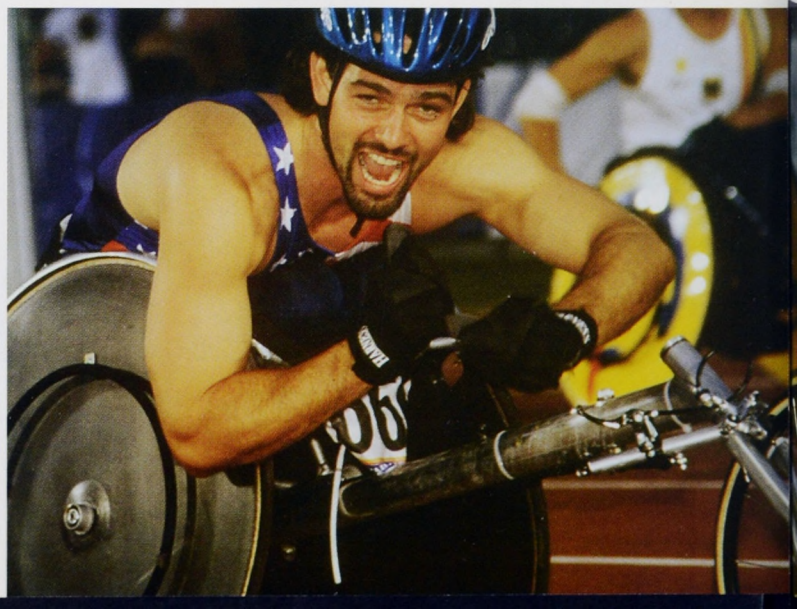

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"It was cool to hang out and see the races," Waddell recalls of his first trials, sounding a little like a NASCAR fan at Daytona. "They're really tactical and fast. At that race the field went 3:17 to 3:21, or about 20 mph—18 or 19 into corners—you're smelling burning rubber and stuff. It's a cool sport in that sense, and I was drawn into it."

For some people with disabilities, athletics provides an important way to come to terms with their situation, sports psychologists have suggested. But Waddell has always been obsessed by sports and, along with his brother Matt '95, out testing himself in the physical environment. "He was always positive and goal seeking just for the fun of it," says his mother, Nancy. "From a very young age, he'd say 'I bet I can do that,' and then he did."

If anything, recovering from the injury only served to sharpen Waddell's mental edge and goal-oriented outlook. "I do think that I became stronger mentally after the accident than I was before," he says, noting that his ability to focus helped lead to a string of ski victories from '93 to '95. "The fact of the matter is that the mental aspect is what separates the best from the others, and it is also the single most important element taken from sports to life's other pursuits. No matter what I do later in life, I'll know that I have the ability to work hard and to perform when the time comes."

What the future might hold for the former international politics and economics major isn't immediately clear, beyond competing in the next two Paralympics. Television commentary or getting more serious about acting are just two possibilities Waddell has pondered, but he's been around sports long enough to know that the clock ticks a little louder for athletes in their 30s.

"I want to be inspired to do something every day," Waddell says expansively. Then, recalling his New England roots, he draws an analogy with Celtic legend Larry Bird. "Bird said something that I've always found interesting," relates Waddell. "He said, 'I'm the utility man, doing whatever needs to be done.' Now here was the superstar saying his role was to fill the gaps to win. I'm kind of like that, I'd like to have a series of jobs—when I'm old enough to have a job—that will kind of be unified, doing what needs to get done."

The son of a teacher and a social worker in a close-knit family, perhaps it's not surprising that Waddell has a strong desire to contribute to the betterment of society. "He's somebody who really wants to give back, to change the world. He's a world changer," says Rosenbaum, with admiration.

To a degree, Waddell has already made a start on that goal. In 1994, he founded The Perfect Turn Disabled Camps to help expand the horizons of children with disabilities by teaching them the joys of sliding on snow on skis. More recently, as a member of a select team of disabled athletes sponsored by The Hartford, Waddell has been visiting schools, talking to children about the abilities of and possibilities for people with physical challenges.

But for the time being, Waddell's greatest value is probably that of a role model. With the Games in Salt Lake City in 2002, there's the potential to have a huge impact on the U.S. audience. It's a point not lost on Waddell. In October he moved to nearby Park City to focus on doing his part to capture the imagination of the American public.

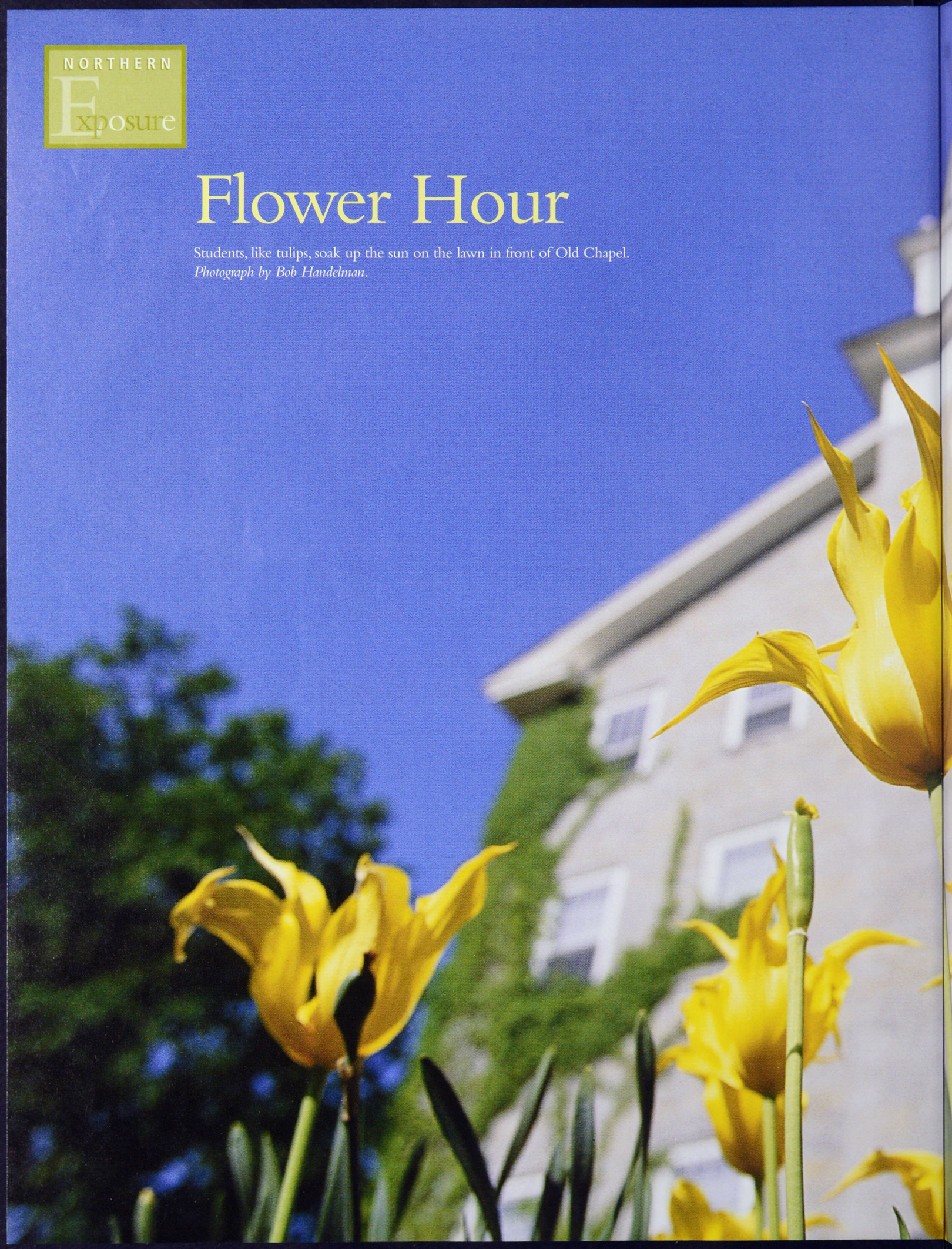
If any one performance can do it, it will be Chris Waddell sitting on the podium.

David Healy is an outdoors writer and junior alpine race coach in Vermont.

NORTHERN Exposure

Flower Hour

Students, like tulips, soak up the sun on the lawn in front of Old Chapel.
Photograph by Bob Handelman.



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APRIL 2000

Middlebury *April 15*
Bicentennial Event:
Alumni musical gala

Bedford, NH *April 16*
Alumni admissions reception

Denver *April 18*
Alumni admissions reception

Chicago *April 20*
Alumni admissions reception

Middlebury *April 20-23*
Bicentennial Event:
Theatre production of
A Streetcar Named Desire

Middlebury *April 22*
Men's alumni lacrosse and
dedication of Kohn Field

Philadelphia *April 24*
Midd Night at the Opera

Middlebury *April 29*
Bicentennial Event:
Jazz at Lincoln Center for
Dancers Only
Lincoln Jazz Orchestra
with Wynton Marsalis

Middlebury *April 30*
Alumnae lacrosse game

MAY 2000

Philadelphia *May 9*
Prof. Eric Davis lecture

Atlanta *May 10*
Prof. Eric Davis lecture

DC *May 11*
Prof. Eric Davis lecture

Cape Cod *May 12, 13*
Annual Golf Tournament

Middlebury *May 19*
Bicentennial Event:
Opening of Middlebury
Art Museum exhibit:
13 Alumni Artists

Middlebury *May 19*
Bicentennial Event:
Opening of Henry Sheldon
Museum of VT
History exhibit:
9 Vermont Alumni Artists

Baltimore *May 24*
Symphony Directors' Show
House/Sparks, Maryland

JUNE 2000

Boston *June 1*
Red Sox at Fenway Park

Baltimore *June 1*
Evening at the Senator Theatre

Middlebury *June 1-4*
Reunion Weekend

Middlebury *June 3*
Dedication of Veterans'
Memorial, Starr Library
Centennial Reception

Middlebury *June 23-25*
Bread Loaf Rural Teacher
Network Annual Conference

Middlebury *June 29*
Henry Sheldon Museum of
VT History Pops Concert

JULY 2000

Vail, CO *July 3-8*
Alumni lacrosse shootout

London *July 5*
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Life in the Newsroom

MANY TELEVISION personalities tend to have a remote and inaccessible quality both on the screen and in person. However, a recent encounter with one particular news correspondent resembled a meeting with an old friend. In a sense, it was a gathering of old and new friends on March 2, 2000, when the San Francisco Bay Area Alumni Assocation hosted a lecture by Elizabeth Fink Farnsworth entitled "A Day in the Life of the *NewsHour*." Farnsworth '65, a senior correspondent on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* and recipient of Middlebury's Alumni Achievement Award in 1998, described how the news program gets put together each day. As it so happened, she had just come from broadcasting a highly controversial story about the return of General Augusto Pinochet to Chile after 17 months of house arrest in England. Farnsworth, who has written extensively on Chile and lived there for five months, described her interview with the new president-elect of

Chile as well as victims of the General's brutal dictatorship.

On a lighter note, Farnsworth talked about the nitty-gritty of her daily routine, including some embarrassing and funny moments on camera. She explained how a news correspondent has to expect the unexpected, since one often has little control over the outcome of an interview, especially when one's chair happens to collapse. In such instances a sense of humor is required.

Farnsworth ended her talk by commenting on the valuable tools, such as language skills, that she cultivated during her time at Middlebury. She emphasized the bond that draws Middlebury alumni together, in particular, an appreciation of nature.

Until recently the *NewsHour*'s chief correspondent and Jim Lehrer's principal substitute, Farnsworth now covers the arts and some foreign stories. An accomplished journalist, writer, and producer-director, Farnsworth joined the *NewsHour* as a contributing correspondent in 1984 and became chief correspondent and principle substitute anchor in 1995. She has covered international events on location in Haiti, Vietnam, Cambodia, Peru, Nicaragua, Korea, Japan, and the U.S., among other places. Farnsworth's writings have appeared in *Foreign Policy, World Policy Journal, The San Francisco Chronicle,* and *The Nation.* She has also produced and directed several television documentaries for PBS, including "Thanh's War," "The Gospel," and "Guatemala." —*Arianne Faber Kolb* '88

NOTICES

Alumni Artists Exhibit

An exhibition of work by Gayl Maxwell Braisted '59, Marjory Cady '38, Anne Cady '73, Sabra Field '57, Jake Geer '68, Nancy Howe '73, Woody Jackson '70, Jill Madden '87, and Cynthia Erb Price '72 will be on view at the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History from May 19 through July 29, 2000.

There will be a reception and gallery talk by the artists on Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 A.M. at the museum on Park Street in Middlebury.

Gift for Ski Patrol

This fall the Middlebury College Snow Bowl ski patrol received an anonymous gift to be used specifically for a ropes course. On November 11, 1999, the ski patrol attended a daylong course. We want to thank the donor for this fantastic gift which the patrol felt was a valuable, fun experience. —*Steve Paquette,* ski patrol director

BICENTENNIAL

Duke's Life Lessons

When I was on campus for the alumni hockey game, I had the opportunity to tour the College with my son, and it took me right back to my days at Middlebury and some of the lessons Duke Nelson taught me.

Duke liked to talk a lot, and we used to joke about his "but see, but see" and other colorful turns of speech he was known for. But see, but see, the ability to keep talking when the chips are down often opens the doors to improvement and making the most of lessons learned. It is the trademark of most great coaches.

At our first varsity hockey practice during my sophomore year, Duke gathered us together on the ice and said: "Now that you made the varsity and you think that you are a good hockey player, I want you to know that winning does not take a lot of fancy moves. In order to win, we will focus on basics like hard work, two hands on your stick when you go into the corners, and no rink turns."

Duke was right, and that lesson helps me in everything that I do. When life goes amiss, I put two hands on the stick and go back to basics to find the answers. —*George Walker '66*

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REUNION 25 CLASS

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

Secretary Oliver reports: Virginia and I were very busy this holiday season, entertaining three very active grandchildren, two of whom are the young sons of Ward J. Oliver '77, who spent two years at Middlebury before transferring to Columbia in NYC.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978/369-5595).*

Dear Friends: Many years ago, Charles O'Donnell wrote: "I have never been able to school my eyes/ Against young April's blue surprise." Now, it's certainly amazing that we will be able to enjoy that blue surprise in April 2000. This year is bringing many surprises for us. When **Helen Bailey** moved to Claremont, NH, she didn't have an inkling that she would find herself in the midst of a New Hampshire Primary, surrounded by presidential candidates and journalists. As I write, she's coping, but not revealing any preference. ✷ As you read, **Helen Revere Hatch** is going part way through the Panama Canal, very interested to see how it is being handled by the new management. Helen continues to be a busy volunteer. She passed along a question someone asked her: "How do you write 2000 in Roman numerals?" She is enjoying, as we all are, the Bicentennial calendar. It is a magnificent tribute to Middlebury College. ✷ **Dorothy Kirk Simpson** is happy at Sunset Woods Apartments, five minutes away from her daughter and son-in-law. She is especially happy to have found a lovely old Presbyterian church, just down the street. She missed her Brooklyn church, where she had volunteered for many years. She sends her address, hoping that some of us will write to her: Dorothy K. Simpson, Sunset Woods, Apt. 113, Genessee St., New Hartford, NY 13413. ✷ **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** is happy to be out and about again after hip surgery. She welcomed a ninth great-grandchild, who lives nearby in Downington, PA. ✷ **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** writes from Rogue River, OR, that she enjoys church friends and entertaining them. She is also glad to be able to walk and drive. ✷ Dr. **John Hoyt** reminds us that this new century will be the only leap year for us, ending in 00. I hope John noticed my salutation. I don't want to be just an ex-officio correspondent. ✷ The Class of '28 has lost a good friend. Donald Coombs, son of **Florence Phillipsen Coombs**, called to tell me of his father's death. Frederick Coombs enjoyed coming to reunions with Florence and has continued to keep in touch and to contribute to our alumni gift in her name. ✷ Happily I am in the "Wynkin, Blynkin, and Nod" book-buying category, as April is bringing my third great-grandchild, child of grandson Donald and Lori Coombs, who live nearby. ✷ Good to hear from **Louise Thompson** in Saxtons River, VT, and **Tib Moody Rice** in Bedford, MA. Enjoy spring! Mimi

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

We regret to report the death of **Edward R. DeNoyon** on October 24, of **Rose Marchiano Scerrati** on November 7, and of **Lester Stephens** on December 31. We extend the condolences of the class to their families.

REUNION 30 CLASS

A wonderful letter arrived from **Helen Simpson Hull:** "It's so sad, but inevitable I guess, to see another class dropped from class notes, especially if it's my own. We're all in our 90s now, retired and living with many wonderful memories. Some of us recall memories of small communities and the kindly neighbors and friends who enriched our lives. Others remember the excitement of new adventures, places, and people. I fell into the latter class. How many of us get to climb an active volcano (Hawaii and the New Hebrides), stand on the crater rim and stare at the boiling pit? Or witness a volcanic eruption fountaining up at 900 degrees? Or fly at night over a fiery red river of molten lava running through the dark countryside to the sea? How many of us experienced a very destructive tsunami, many earthquakes (one measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale), and violent hurricanes? Who has had the opportunity to visit 75-100 islands in the Pacific, the Atlantic, and the Mediterranean Sea? Who has been dumped into the ocean a mile off shore in a raging tropical storm? Me, that's who." We will continue with Helen's many adventures in the summer issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. E. Parker Calvert, (calverte@aol.com) 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

We are saddened to report the death of our faithful class correspondent **Walton Crocker** on November 29. The condolences of the class are extended to his wife of 60 years, Elsa; daughters Carole Levesque and Eloise Crocker; and three grandchildren. ✷ With the sad news of Walt's passing weighing heavily, we must also report the deaths of **Harry Bullukian** on June 23 and **Paul Daland** on October 1. We convey our sympathy to their families. ✷ On the side of good news, **Richard Fear** reports he continues to be able to commute to the theatre scene in London, as he has done for so many years. ✷ **Ken MacClelland** and wife Jo continue to enjoy their retirement environment in Walnut Creek, CA. A retired professional set designer of stage, opera, film, and early television, Ken started his career on the East Coast, designing 14 grand operas over a period of five years. In television, he was art director of many favorites we all enjoyed, including Ed Wynn, Alan Young, Jack Benny, and Red Skelton. ✷ **Nathalie Lewis Emery** has touched base. Admitting that she no longer drives, she still manages bridge with friends in Chambersburg. ✷ **Mary Stolte Toomey** is still very active and, I believe, looking forward to golf in the spring. ✷ **Ruth Morrison Wilcox** writes that she has moved to a retirement home. Her new address is Bishop Gray Inn, 4445 Pine Forest Dr., Lake Worth, FL 33463. ✷ Please do try to keep in touch. To save time and postage, use my e-mail address: calverte@aol.com.

Editor's note: Word has been received of the death of Parker Calvert's wife, Deedie, on January 13, 2000, after a long illness.

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Gray and **Georgiana Hulett Taylor** report: "We are aging—and trying to do it gracefully. We still live independently in the Embury Apartments—a sheltered facility of the Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga, NY. We still

exercise and play Scrabble regularly, getting out of doors when weather is good, enjoying letters and visits from our far-flung family." ✷ A memorial service will be held on July 2 to celebrate the life of **Marian Willcox Patterson,** who died on January 2 in Middlebury. The service will be held in the Plymouth, VT, Church, at 2 P.M. Condolences go to her daughter, Lesley Smith, and all the family. ✷ A Christmas message from Alice Cady Russell tells us she is "still busy all the time, but aging like the rest. I took part last evening in a 'chime'—not bell—concert. It went well. I'm still doing art and library volunteering." ✷ And from **Ella Congdon Purple**: "The macular degeneration is much more troublesome and I take more pills, but I know that's probably normal for an 88-year-old. We are having an 'explosion' of new great-grands, so the family is growing. My son, Bob, a retired general from the 174th Air Guard, lives just 15 minutes away and takes wonderful care of me." ✷ **Nancy Moores Poltrack** is doing well, but is "not all that happy without Stan." She writes: "I hook my rugs and volunteer at a local elementary school once a week. I write for our monthly newsletter, so I keep busy, but I miss stimulating conversation and 'fun' people." ✷ Our thanks to Jennifer Culver for catching us up with her grandfather, **Richard McDermott**: "After all was said and done, and many prayers, Grandpa moved to Sterling House in July 1999. He really enjoys the surroundings and even has a few friends from church who live there, too. I have been writing to people who send Grandpa Christmas cards and other correspondence. I'm sure he would love to hear from you at 3 Clubhouse Dr., #111, Palm Coast, FL 32127 (904-447-6945). Last November, I took Grandpa to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville for a full memory assessment. I am very pleased with the diagnosis that Grandpa is in very good health, but he does have some long-term effects from the stroke he had in November 1996. Overall, the doctors issued him a good bill of health." ✷ Our thanks also to the family of **Betty Brown Hearne,** for writing us with the sad news of her death on November 1: "All her children and several grandchildren were with her, so she was surrounded with love. We had been together to celebrate the wedding of Judy's son Erik to Wanda Wiggins just two weeks before. Mother had a wonderful time and even danced with abandon. We know mother loved you all and we feel really lucky to have had such a special person in our lives."

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430, and Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).*

Word has come of the death of **Janet Schilling Armbruster** on May 10, 1998. Janet transferred to Barnard College following our sophomore year, earning a B.A. degree in '33. After completing a work-study program in social work at Western Reserve Univ. in Cleveland, she received an M.S.Sc. degree. ✷ Following the September 1998 death of **Helen Easton Carpenter**, **Philip Carpenter** had a harrowing year healthwise. After a very long recuperation from major heart surgery, he spent many weeks in the assisted care quarters, returning to his apartment in May 1999. He was able to drive his new Chrysler by the end of August. We would have known you could do it,

PROFILE

GOD BLESS YOU, RICHARD FEAR '31

On Richard Fear's 90th birthday a year ago, his friends honored him with an outpouring of love of such magnitude that we heard about it all the way back at Middlebury College. In paying tribute to him, his friends listed his many extraordinary achievements and attributes. It was a long list. Phrases such as "clear-headed psychologist," "well-tuned tenor," "noted equestrian breeder," "valued mentor," "avid playgoer," and "robust toiler in the fields" were put forth to describe a man who has lived an extraordinarily full life and who has left us all the better for it.

Chances are, anyone who has ever been interviewed for a corporate or a government post has been interviewed according to precepts set down by Fear in his now famous book: *The Evaluation Interview,* considered by many to be the Bible of job interviewing. Fear, an expert in the art of evaluating people through interviews, helped the FBI during World War II to locate security risks and the Navy to find fighter director officers. He went on to teach this skill around the world.

It all began in the late 1930s; Fear was right out of Middlebury College with a degree in economics, working with a group of boys at the Civilian Conservation Camp. He had to counsel them and, not feeling qualified, he enrolled in a master's program in psychology. At one point he interviewed 100 boys to learn why they dropped out of school. The study, also his master's thesis, was published by the *New York Times* and, as they say, the rest is history. He's been interviewing, and helping others learn how to, ever since.

Up until 1941, Fear was hoping to have a career in music. He spent every weekend in NYC performing and taking voice lessons. "[I] always hoped to be discovered but that never happened." Recognizing that his good voice wasn't extraordinary enough to land a big break, he went to work for Psychological Corporation, setting up selection programs in business and industry. When World War II broke out, he proposed the then radical idea that a top secret defense plant solve its problems finding qualified supervisors by filling the positions with what he termed "carefully selected women," and he helped the defense plant select them. "This group [of supervisors] proved so effective that the company extended the procedure to all the other plants," he explained. Subsequently, Fear helped the FBI identify security risks—at one point evaluating 8,500 people. He worked marathon interview sessions, running his staff of trained psychologists around the clock. "I joined the midnight to 8 A.M. shift, stayed up all day reading everyone's reports, went to bed at 6 P.M., and got up at 11:30 P.M to make the midnight shift." Fear continued throughout the war selecting people for crucial roles in the war effort.

After leaving Psychological Associates, where he was a vice president, he traveled extensively, consulting for private industry, and caring for his farm in New Jersey, working the land and raising champion Shetland ponies. In addition, The Blue Hill Troop, a Gilbert and Sullivan group, enjoyed Fear's tenor voice for many years.

How does someone do so much in one lifetime? Fear attributes his achievements partially to the fact that he grew up in a family without much money and he had to learn to work at an early age. "At the age of 14, I went to work in a glove factory and established good habits of hard work—habits that have stayed with me to this day." And he has never stopped moving.

In 1997, at the age of 88, he spent two weeks in Indonesia, "climbing mountains and hiking deep into the jungle in search of orangutans," he explained. "In October, I climbed to the top of Owl's Head Peak in the Adirondack mountains, and in December, made my annual trip to London where I walked seven miles a day and saw ten shows in eight days—six plays, a new musical, a movie, two concerts, and a ballet."

Phil, had we been aware! ✷ Our '33-RAH! card to **Richard Roberts** was returned, but fortunately it provided his new address: 3 O'Connor Dr., Belle Mead, NJ 08502-3109. (Dick, please call home!) ✷ For the sixth time, **Lyle Glazier** attended the two-week Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in 1999. Also at Bread Loaf, he attended the three-day 125th anniversary celebration of the birthday of Robert Frost. ✷ We would like to hear from rest of you. Let us know what you were doing at the turn of the new millennium!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Class secretary Reid reports: First I would like to ask our classmates to send James Fechheimer or me any information about their interests or activities. You may think they are not interesting or important, but as our numbers grow fewer, we are all interested in what our classmates are doing. ✷ In October, I enjoyed an exciting 17-day trip to China. I flew to Los Angeles to join the UCLA and Northwestern Alumni Associations for the 14-hour flight to Hong Kong, where we stopped briefly for refueling before continuing another 1,200-plus miles to Beijing. We spent three days in Beijing, where we stayed in the beautiful deluxe Hilton Hotel. We took excursions to Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall of China, and Ming Tombs, Xian, and more. We cruised on the Yangtze River for four days. There were the magnificent Three Gorges, with towering mountains and a passage ranked among the natural wonders of the world. After two nights in Shanghai, we continued to Hong Kong, where we spent two nights. Our flight from Hong Kong to L.A. was delayed, but eventually I arrived home in New Hampshire after a very interesting and exciting trip. ✷ We regret to report the death of former class secretary **Ruth Brown Ells Crane** on October 29. The condolences of the class go to her husband, Homer Crane, and daughters Dorothy Ells Jurgenson '64 and Janis B. Ells '68. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

REUNION 35 CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

From **Natalie Dunsmoor** came a photograph of memorabilia of her youth that had been on display at the Mattatuck Museum, along with her promise to be at the reunion. ✷ Eric and **Doris Anderson Carlson** spent Thanksgiving with their son and his family, Christmas Eve with Doris's sister. They were entertaining their son, Neal, and family Christmas Day. Oh, the joys of a big family! ✷ Walter and **Mildred Aubrey Monagan** spent Christmas with a cousin in Calgary, Canada. They are looking forward to reunion. Millie also enclosed a clipping from the *Burlington Free Press* that reported on former senator **Robert Stafford**'s ongoing support of environmental protection. ✷ Remember, reunion is almost upon us! Make your plans to be in Middlebury for our one and only 65th, June 2-4!

Arch Tilford '36 was photographed by Tom Montgomery '74, while fishing the Middlebury River near Bread Loaf (see 1936 column).

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, 8 Winter Meadow, Barre, VT 05641.*

Arch Tilford couldn't come to the phone when Angus called because he was deer hunting in PA and NY. He got two deer in each of those states, after enjoying the Vermont deer season. This followed three weeks of pheasant hunting in SD, after which he flew home for his 90th birthday party. Among the 75 guests in Middlebury were sons Hudson and Charles '67 (from CA), a daughter from Atlanta, and a sister from Elmira, NY. Featured at the party was a photo of Arch fishing for trout on the Middlebury River in Ripton (see photo). The photo was taken a couple of years ago by Jackson, WY, photographer Tom Montgomery '74. Arch still drives his car. When Louise Reichert (widow of Rabbi Victor Reichert) needed a ride to Buffalo last September, Arch drove her there in her car and flew home. He continues to attend high school athletic events, where his hundreds of young friends have honored him with the vigorous title of "Mr. Tiger." ✷ **Phil Taft** and wife Ads have decided "to stay on at the old homestead," with outside helpers coming in as needed. It was pleasant to hear their voices, seemingly younger than their years. Phil marvels at the unbelievable changes we have seen during our lifetimes. They have returned from a trip to Antarctica, where they were tremendously impressed by the beauty of the vast areas of ice and snow. En route, passengers were treated to great numbers of walruses as they surfaced, seemingly for the pleasure of splashing about. We spoke of **Dick Dempewolff**'s trip to Antarctica as a member of Admiral Byrd's expedition. Dick's interview with Byrd for *Popular Mechanics* magazine culminated in an invitation for Dick to join the expedition. ✷ An anonymous 1936 classmate was pleased with the Middlebury 2000 calendar photograph for the month of May. Being left-handed, this person was delighted to see most of the 150 members of the Class of '54 writing their exams, by some optical quirk, with their left hands. This classmate hoped it would be an encouraging trend, with left no longer being associated with wrong. ✷ **Louise Hubbard McCoy** writes of her great pleasure at being at Bread Loaf for the three-day conference to celebrate Robert Frost's life and work. "It was wonderful—especially so for remembering my sophomore year in 1934 when I waited on tables at Bread Loaf that summer in order to audit and take notes on Frost's lectures." In 1954 she organized a Frost "reading" at Wellesley High, a scholarship fund that earned $900. "Following that program he came to our home and pleased many of our friends from 10 P.M. until midnight. It was unforgettable." Louise recently gave her most precious hand-done book to the library. Entitled *Creation of the World,* the book is a combination of quotes from Milton and the Bible. She recently enjoyed hearing President McCardell, who spoke of Prexy Moody's years at Middlebury. He then spoke of the changes on campus, including the splendid new Bicentennial Hall. Louise wrote at the close of her letter, "As ever, I bless Middlebury." ✷ **Janice Orton Spallholz** feels fortunate to be healthy and active. She is especially interested and involved in the local library and the theatre, where the latest play was *Much Ado About Nothing.* ✷ **Phyllis Sanderson** has been having a rough time for a while, but is on the upbeat and sounds more like herself. We had not heard from **Janet Hartwell Westby** in a long time, until Phyl had a Christmas note from Janet's daughter, saying that her mother is ill and not able to keep in touch. ✷ In October, **Isabel Kinney Frakie** moved to a retirement community (1551 Franklin SE, #4007, Grand Rapids, MI 49506; 616-241-1148). She is so fortunate to have her family—even three great-grandchildren—living near her. She sounds fine and still keeps active with volunteer work. She was planning to go to AZ this winter. ✷ A recent talk with **Clarice Gilpin Seymour** reminded us that she was at Middlebury for only one year. She went on to nursing school and is now a volunteer with Hospice. Luckily, we caught her the day before she was going to FL for the winter. She enjoys good health, except for some arthritis. Her husband died about five years ago, but she has three sons, who all live in RI, where she lives. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Hazel Schmidt Davis** on September 21. ✷ **Bill Dawes** sends news: "Moved into Edgehill, 122 Palmer Hill Rd., Stamford, CT 06902 (203-975-1051), a life care community run by Marriott. Great living. Love it!" ✷ In a Christmas letter to **Dick Chase, Gordon Hoyt** spoke happily of his enjoyment of renewed health. The two share pleasant memories going back 67 years, when they were KDR brothers. Gordy's Christmas card was an adaptation of greetings as though written to anyone whose birthday occurs in December. Putting perspective on the relationship between Christmas and Middlebury's significant birthday, he wrote simply: "1800-2000."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

Class Secretary Hopkins reports: **Bob** and **Dottie Mathison Scott** have both had a year of health problems, keeping them close to home and away from their beloved VT ski slopes. After a summer of R&R on the Cape, they were looking forward to a more traditional visit with their children in Vermont during winter 2000. ✷ **"Pete" Frohock** recently returned from Greece, where his wife gave two organ concerts. ✷ **Marsh Sewell** reports all is well in their Whiting, NJ, home, in spite of hurricanes knocking at their door. He is his usual self in

activities within their retirement complex—and he's doing a great job as my co-secretary! ✷ **Charlotte Colburn Shea** said it was a miracle she received the letter I addressed to her in her maiden name, since she has been Tudy Shea for 58 years. The Sheas have made their home in Sarasota, FL, for many years, but still spend summers in VT. ✷ We received a most informative letter from Judith Morse, the daughter of **Carolyn Cozzio Tompkins,** explaining that her mother is now unable to write. Carolyn is having some neurological problems affecting her memory and ability to completely care for herself. However, her general health is good. She still enjoys reading her mail, getting phone calls, and having company. Carolyn would so appreciate hearing from classmates at 2578 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, MA 02571. ✷ We were very sorry to hear of the death of **Frank Piskor**'s wife, Anne, on January 21, after a long illness. Our sympathy goes to all the family. Anne was made an honorary member of our class at our 50th Reunion. ✷ **"Sheppie" Shepard Towne**'s husband, Bruce, took a fall recently, causing the cancellation of their annual trip to FL. They have also given up the motor home in which they had taken so many great trips. However, they planned to spend Christmas with their daughter and grandson in Maine, and they enjoy occasional visits with their other two daughters. Daughter Bonnie, who lives nearby, is now a full professor. ✷ **Winston Wordsworth** is going strong following a quintuple bypass. Retired from his furniture business, he is still big on golf and trying to "shoot his age." Winston is surprised to be remembered as a classmate, since he had to leave Midd before graduating due to financial problems. See—we DO remember you! ✷ **Warren Erwin**'s wife, Hazel, answered our plea for news. Erwin suffered a heart problem last October and the defibrillator that was installed has caused numbness in his right hand. Hence, Hazel does the writing. He is adjusting well to this remarkable device, although they will do no traveling for a while. They are both thankful for family and friends who saw them through this latest family crisis. ✷ Photography is still **Muriel Voter Williams**'s chief passion. She finds it exciting to spot her own photos from time to time in newly published books. Her son, Wesley, has a thriving business in growing plants in NH; Roger is still living in Hollywood, working for the producer of *Twin Peaks*.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

Ivan Bunnell retired about eight years ago as a cardiologist in a large teaching hospital, where he was director of the cardiac catheterization laboratory, performing angiocardiography, coronary arteriography, and angioplasty. His comment was "I had the best of all possible careers." Now he writes: "Our three children have left Buffalo (for Tuckahoe, NY; Kansas City, MO; and North Kingston, RI), so we decided to move into a life-care community, though Alice and I are in good health. Downsizing from a comfortable home to a two bedroom apartment is a real struggle. We are both active in our church's St. Stephen's Ministry, and I have become active as a volunteer in Hospice. I've left the biggest news to the last: Our granddaughter, in Kansas City, has been accepted for early admission to Middlebury this fall. And Alice and I celebrate our 59th wedding anniversary in January 2000, a celebration of the smartest decision I ever made." ✷ **Harold Lewis** and wife Mary live close to the Duke campus, where access to events, not to mention the Duke Medical Center, enhances quality of life. He retired in 1986 after 40 years on the faculty. He enjoys reading physics journals and news magazines. Summer months are spent at their century-old cottage on Silver Lake, near Keene, NH. Son Rick lives nearby with his wife and son. Daughter Barbara and her husband and baby son recently moved from Knoxville to Seattle, with a two-month stopover at Silver Lake. In recent years, May and Harold have taken tours to AK, HI, Britain, the Canadian Rockies and Maritimes, and the Grand Canyon. ✷ **Betty MacCulloch Mattox** sends "proof that a Middlebury education lasts forever: In Turkey, a year ago, I was recalling *The Grey Wolf* (about Ataturk) that I had read freshman year! We are attempting to downsize and after March 1, 2000, we will be at 22 Willow Dr., Delmar, NY. Going through stuff is an intimidating task, as you doubtless recall." ✷ Sad news from John Roberts: "My wife, **Ruth Flicker Roberts**, passed away October 15, 1999. She had often spoken of her many good friends and classmates at Middlebury." ✷ **Helen Thomas Stone,** who moved from Tulsa, OK, to Milwaukee three years ago, enjoys living at St. John's Tower, a retirement center affiliated with the Episcopal Church. "There are so many activities. We have great health care, pleasant environment—and we overlook Lake Michigan. We enjoy a very good library, games, and lectures. I love to read and I play some bridge, Scrabble, and five hundred (akin to Euchre)." With the aid of a walker, Helen enjoys an occasional lunch out with other residents. Son David lives about one mile from St. John's; his wife, Nancy, helps Helen with shopping and doctor appointments. Helen has three sons (one in CA, one in NC) and five grandchildren. ✷ In October, **Nelson** and **Polly Overton Camp** visited Charlie and me (**Tommy Leslie Hall**) here at Wake Robin. We celebrated at dinner with Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** and **Art** and Beverly Browning '39 **Gilbert**. Later we gathered at the Gardner cottage for more good conversation and sharing memories. The following day, Polly and Nels drove to Kendal at Hanover, where they visited Chuck '37 and **Helene Cosenza Chase** and Tut and **Betty Gates Tuttle**. ✷ Nancy Clark Sampson and her brother, Dick, children of **Anne Sargent Clark** (known to us as "Sargie"), wrote a bittersweet letter that helps us understand how Sargie is doing: "Mom's Alzheimer's disease is progressing. Her speaking ability has really deteriorated in the past few months, which makes conversation difficult, but occasionally she finds the words to get a thought across. She no longer reads, but sometimes enjoys the magazines I bring her. She still cares for herself, has her hair done each week, and eats well. While sometimes forgetting our names, she still recognizes all of us. Several old friends visited during the past year and she knew them as well. Even though Mom's energy level is not what it used to be and she tires quickly, she managed to dry all the pots and pans after our Thanksgiving dinner! She still enjoys going for walks, seems content, and has her beautiful smile." ✷ **Janet Randall Morgan** received a beautiful article from friends, who found it in the news bulletin of the Green Mountain Horse Association. Entitled "A 60th Wedding Anniversary," we report excerpts of a story by Tim Butterfield: "It was a beautiful September Sunday morning. The day was perfect, the weather was wonderful, and the horses were behaving well as we took them out for a slow warm-up drive prior to the arrival of the guests of honor. Our guests were John and **Katharine [Nonny Allen] Leslie,** who were coming for a carriage drive to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Katharine had suffered a stroke about 22 months earlier, and, although she was making significant progress, she was still confined to a wheelchair and required 24-hour-a-day nursing care. The Leslie clan arrived right on time, with many of the children and grandchildren present to celebrate the event. A special van lift assisted in raising Katharine into the carriage. The high-tech wheelchair came apart so as to allow the seat back and head cradle to be strapped to the back of the seat in the carriage. Finally, Katharine was situated for the carriage ride. John sat to her right and gently held her hand. We started slowly in a circle in the grass in front of the barn. Katharine's daughter, Ann, asked her how she liked the ride. Ann translated that it was a little bumpy, so we moved onto the hard-packed dirt road, which was much smoother. John moved closer to Katharine and whispered what a wonderful 60 years it had been." After an enjoyable drive, "the unloading went uneventfully. After the horses were put away, we had refreshments and a special anniversary cake in the carriage house. It was a wonderful morning with so many thoughts and emotions experienced by all of us. John and Katharine's lifetime of loyalty, love, and devotion was palpable. Katharine's dignity, despite her severe infirmity, stood by itself. And lastly, the family was present, gathered around to show their love. John and Katharine Leslie are prime examples of the unselfish, giving individuals who have so actively supported the Green Mountain Horse Assoc. over the years. Congratulations, John and Katharine. Thank you so very much." To which we can only add our own fond congratulations. I hope these messages will inspire other children and friends of our classmates to send news for those unable to communicate with us.

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Class Secretaries: *Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould (jogvt@aol.com), P.O. Box 543, Quechee, VT 05059; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Frances Barrett Johnson recently visited son Eric in the Netherlands, where he was finishing his book, *Nazi Terror—Gestapo Jews and Ordinary Germans*, at the Institution for Advanced Study. Eric's father, the late John C. Johnson '41, was a World War II pilot and German war prisoner. Published in December 1999, Eric's book received the Star Box Review in the January 3, 2000, issue of *Publishers Weekly*. ✷ Marjorie and **Roland "Bud" Wolcott** continue to enjoy the captain's full cape they restored after buying it from descendants of the original owner. Bud plays golf regularly at the Brewster Captain's Golf Course. ✷ **Robert Lord** writes that his family has located a family branch they had not heard of for 80 years. All of us genealogists can understand how thrilled he was. Bob and wife Barbara will both be in *Who's Who in America 2000,* and Barbara will also be in *Who's Who in American Law*. Bob led the successful campaign to restore the General Philip H. Sheridan statue in Greenwich Village, where the work will start in summer 2000. The Lords spent Christmas in London. ✷ **Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** were intensely involved with the last days of their good friend Arnold LaForce '35, who was also a great friend of Middlebury. We all regret his passing and send our sympathy to his wife, Isobel, and the family. Carol assists Isobel, who has had a stroke. On a happier note, the Gustafsons were surrounded by

children and grandchildren for the holidays. Their granddaughter, Melissa, is the photo editor for *Adventures*, the new Disney magazine. ✷ We are sorry to report the death of **Gerald Cole** and extend our sympathy to his daughter, Wendy Cole '69, and to all his family, many of whom had Middlebury connections. ✷ Grace and **Duncan Rollason** celebrated their 55th anniversary on June 3, 1999. They continue to enjoy life in Amherst, MA, where they are active on the committee of the Learning in Retirement Seminars and coordinate the adult fellowship for the First Congregational Church. Young Dunc, who plays football and hockey, received a pass to the Killington Ski Area, awarded to honor-roll players. The Rollastons spent Christmas with their son, who lives on Lake Dunmore. Their daughter, who lives in Burlington, also joined them. ✷ **Jeanette Olson Gould** attended many family milestones in 1999: granddaughter Kara Veley '98 received her M.A. from Harvard, followed the next weekend by Kara's sister Erika's graduation from Acton-Boxborough (MA) High School (she's now at Cornell); next was the 50th anniversary celebration of her brother and sister-in-law at the Lighthouse in West Dennis, MA; then came her son's 50th very gala birthday party in NJ. ✷ **Betty Anne Dunning Jones** and **Marilynn Manning Baldwin** had a wonderful five-day visit at Marilynn's home in Ohio. ✷ **Elizabeth Letson** is back on her feet and obeying doctor's orders to "walk, walk, walk." ✷ Norman and **Irene Fernandez Anderson** took two trips in 1999—one to our 60th that Irene describes as a "big love-in," and one to CA for the awarding of doctorates in geology to son Kirk and his wife, Diana. Kirk and Diana are now assistant profs. at the Univ. of Northern AZ. Son Norm is expanding the reach of Consultants Group Latin America to include customers in Europe. ✷ **Ruth Coleman Skinner** had most of her family at home for Christmas. She found that the "greats" are hard on any conversation. There was enough snow that there was skiing on Burke Mountain. ✷ Arthur '38 and **Beverly Browning Gilbert** spent the summer on Lake Champlain in Willsboro, NY, and then returned to Wake Robin (Shelburne, VT) for the winter. ✷ **Tom** and **Gertrude Bittle Murray** have a new address: 10 Landmark, #122, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520. ✷ As of March, Thomas '41 and **Edith Egbert Bennett** will be at 359 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

REUNION 40 CLASS

Class Secretary: *Marjorie Burditt Striker, 211 Sandy Pond Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773.*

"Looking back at my experiences at Midd," says **Ed Morse**, "the choice of a premed curriculum was to become the cornerstone of much that followed. After medical school and a stint in the service, good fortune led me to the far North, to the mystical land of ice and snow, well north of the magnetic pole. I sailed aboard a 98-foot schooner as ship's physician on the 1947 expedition with Arctic explorer, Donald B. MacMillan. The fascination of the Arctic remains with me to this day. I might add that I have a guest mooring, and Middites who are cruising the coast of Maine up this way are welcome to tie up. The place is to the west of Emery Island." ✷ **Jim Cornwall**, reports: "My stroke of 10 years ago affected my ability to write. Will be at our 60th Reunion. On December 10, Marj and I had lunch at the Public House in Sturbridge with Henry Eldredge (husband of the late **Priscilla Bateson Eldredge**) and **Bob** and **Lois Whittier Pickard**. Good time had by all." ✷ **Glenn Leggett** will "try to get back for reunion, but I have to be healthy enough to do it." ✷ **Bob Anderson** suggests that our class have a picnic together at reunion, a time together without other classes or events. Tell us your ideas. ✷ **Verna George Bain** and six classmates have kept a round robin going without interruption since 1940-41. Verna is still a board member and tour guide for Walkabout International, with plans underway for a month-long walking trip in England and Scotland in September 2001. ✷ Ken '39 and **Dorie Keffer Kinsey** have had many adventures, cruising on their sailboat from Maine to Mexico and South America. Now settled in their Oriental, NC, home, they visit their four children in Los Angeles, CO, Ithaca, and MA. They attended "Porky's" 60th and had a wonderful time. ✷ **Betsey White Douglas** took a cross-country train trip a few years ago, with layovers in Glacier National Park, Portland (OR), and Salt Lake City. From college days, she recalls a geology trip with Bruno Schmidt to Bristol to visit a cave: "We had all crawled in, listening to the lecture and not knowing that **Tiny Meyers** was outside, still trying to crawl through. What if we had all been trapped in there?" ✷ **Bobbie Peek Loftin** relates an incident involving Miss Temple, house mother at Pearsons: "A screen separated the first floor dorm rooms from the entrance area. When my date came for me, he ducked behind the screen to speak to one of the girls. Just then he saw Miss Temple approaching. When she spotted him, there was murder in her eye. He smiled, looked her up and down, and gave her a wolf whistle. She smiled back coyly, and he gallantly pushed the screen aside for her escape." ✷ Sometime following their marriage, **Loring Pratt** and his wife went to Middlebury and attended a few classes: "After leaving Heinrich's lecture," Loring says, "I saw Benny Wissler coming toward us. I softly told Jennie that he would not remember me. As we passed him, Benny raised his hand and said 'Mornin' Pratt.' This was 1945—seven years since I had had a class with him. I've always thought that showed remarkable recall." ✷ **Martha Taylor Elliott** expresses the woes of one who has recently moved into a new house: "No matter whether I can't find the box I know I packed something in, whether I don't remember if I brought it at all, or whether I know I already unpacked it and used it, I still can't find it. There are still uncountable cartons to unpack." ✷ **Betty Cook Hedrick** sends college memories of "Bob Rowe '38 playing 'Star Dust' from the music building, 'College on the Hill' for the girls' gallery at the Chateau—and especially for **Page Grosenbaugh**; the jugs of apple cider we hardened until bubbly on the fire escape of Forest; the midnight snacks we relished from **Kay Brokaw** and **Mary Donati**'s supply; the sugaring-off parties the Mountain Club had on a spring Sunday; the pre-breakfast tennis matches on the first spring days." ✷ From **Laura Smith Whitworth**: "I'm still running the shop and enjoying the various activities of my grandchildren, most of whom live far away. Hopefully I'll see you next June." ✷ Remembering Mountain Club, **Charles Rumbold** says, "When we piled into those trucks, we were out for fun. Though we weren't the college choir, we sure didn't hesitate to sing anything that came to mind." He recalls improvising words for "No Hiding Place Down There" and later, in the Marine Corps, there was another version dedicated to General MacArthur. ✷ **Peg Heald Lawton** "got to talking Middlebury with **Alice Atwood Spaulding** at the beauty parlor. We were recalling Alice's waiting table at Batt Cot freshman year. I can still see her balancing those great trays over her head and walking so purposefully into the dining room. Another thought that comes to me is how Dean Ross took me home to Chester in her own car when my mother died, a rare personal response." ✷ **Bob** and **Bobbie Plumer Alden** enjoyed being back in Middlebury for homecoming. "On Friday we went on a guided tour of Bicentennial Hall. Such a wonderful science building. The dedication and homecoming convocation were held on Saturday. We hope to see you all at reunion." ✷ **Bill Hildreth** reports serving on the Nassau Bay City Council in Texas, playing golf, and being housekeeper-yard-pool man. His wife suffers from back problems. One daughter is a computer consultant and the other a doctor of veterinary medicine. He asked about **Porter Evans**. Has anyone any information? ✷ **Stan Saunders** was pleased that the photo of him with his granddaughter appeared in the fall magazine. Stan's health may prevent him from being at reunion. ✷ In Claremont, NH, **Gerry Dansereau Miles** is "helping budding violinists in an elementary school, working with Red Cross blood programs, and gardening." She misses **Ruth Raymond Nelson**, who died in December 1998. Gerry visits her son, a prof. at Western Washington Univ. ✷ **Jean Sweeny Hancock** remembers a Winter Carnival show for which she and I worked the props. At one point we were in the rafters, looking down on the action and talking with a couple of Dartmouth skiers. Jean says she went to Green Key weekend with downhill champ Ed Meservy. She also recalled that bitter moment at our Baccalaureate when Prexy said, "I have nothing good to say about this class." ✷ **Ed** and Jane Giblin '42 **Langey** have moved to Cheshire, CT. They are living in an adult condominium community, which they enjoy. He says they are both loyal Midd grads and remember many good times and friends. ✷ **Charles Straight** hopes to get to reunion, depending on whether he keeps his driver's license, since he has eye problems. ✷ **Meg Kielman Sitterly** has nothing special to report, but wishes all returnees a happy reunion. ✷ **Alice Atwood Spaulding** remembers hurrying from daily chapel to Batt Cot back steps, where Sam the chef would put out muffins to tide us over until lunch. She also recalls watching the Mountain Club truck loading up students at Pearsons. She envied them, but seldom got a sub to wait tables. ✷ **Lucille Jenkins Moench** and her husband have enjoyed traveling with Saga tours: "We had a great tour of the capitals of Europe, one to East and West Germany before the wall came down, one to Great Britain, and one to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco." ✷ **Ken Temple**'s "favorite place was the Morgan Horse Farm, since I was crazy about horses and loved to ride. I liked to go downtown and climb down the bank past the quarry, walk down the Otter River to the power company dam, where it said 'Keep Off,' then downstream along the bank through the woods and back past the horse farm. Once Hal Gordon and I went up to Lake Pleiad, backpacking on foot, of course, in those 'no car' days, for a lazy week. Our chief exercise was slapping mosquitoes. The cabin at that time was comfortable with bunks and a stove. There was a raft on the pond and out on the water we were away from those pesky mosquitoes." ✷ I, **Marj Striker**, am very sad to report the recent death of **Louise Gove Hawkins**. She and I had many a jaunt back to Midd together and visits back and forth over the years. The class sends condolences to her daughter, Mary Hawkins Sachs '65, and to all the family. ✷ Condolences also go to the family of **Olive Jenne Doubleday**, who died on November 11.

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Class Secretary: *S.J. House, 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), RR 1, Box 86A, Walton, NY 13856.*

Packy Jones reports: Many thanks to all of you who helped us by sending notes and Christmas letters with news of your activities. ✷ **Ruth Carpenter Donnell** reported in her Christmas note that she and John are "living a comfortable existence in a Philadelphia retirement community and still hoping to do more traveling occasionally." She adds, "I'll certainly try to make the 60th." ✷ **Babs Grow Grim** wrote that her thrice weekly trips to occupational and physical therapy had just ended in mid-December, after five months. Just in time to prepare for moving February 2 to Edgewood, the new retirement community in Andover, MA. ✷ **Buttsie (Caroline) Butts Dodge** says she "is moving into an assisted living place in the spring—reluctantly." We hope for a happy result. ✷ **Merritt Garland**'s interesting Christmas letter told of his four children's activities. Son Larry, the cartographer for the Appalachian Mountain Club, has produced hiking maps for several northeastern state and national parks. Merritt himself continues to enjoy his cabin and outdoor life, but at a progressively slower pace. Wife Sallee is active with several music groups, as well as a women's support and study group. ✷ On December 4, a *real* surprise party for Westie's (**Helen West Burbank**) 80th birthday was held at the Waybury Inn, with all of her family and many longtime friends in attendance. A most enjoyable time was had by all. **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** was the only Midd '41er able to make it. ✷ Summy House reports: I have been investigating retirement situations in the Burlington area and find that Pillsbury Manor looks very appealing. It becomes more appealing as I put the plow on the pickup truck and split firewood. I recently spoke with Packy, who is hoping to move into Wake Robin this spring. ✷ In California, **John Hicks** has been cited as Carmel's Citizen of the Year for his service of more than 10 years as a trustee and friend of Carmel's Harrison Memorial Library. John sent Summy a copy of his collection of Doc Cook's essays about Middlebury landscapes. Entitled *One for the Road*, his work was selected by President McCardell for a bicentennial-year publication. Reading them brings back very pleasant memories. ✷ **Bill Bursaw** has been recovering from his formidable triple by-pass surgery and valve replacement at Mass General. ✷ Those ever-roving octogenarians **Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett** devoted a long, busy summer to visiting (driving, of course) classmates, relatives, and friends in PA, ME, VT, and NY. ✷ The director of development thanks us for the Class of 1941 Memorial Fund, which recently had a market value of $31,466.80. Gifts were made during 1999 in memory of **Les Ingalls, John Malcolm**, and Bob Adsit '43. Ron Rucker, the College librarian, also thanks us for our Class Reunion Fund, which provided seven journal titles to the library. ✷ **Walter Knight** and wife Sara still live in the Berkeley hills, high above the UC campus where Walt taught physics from 1950 until retiring as professor emeritus in 1990. Walt also served as dean of the College of Letters and Science from 1967 until 1972. A special issue of *Philosophical Magazine* was recently dedicated to Walt on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Here is an excerpt from this publication in his honor: "His colleagues, collaborators, and friends are pleased to offer this collection to a remarkable physicist, an excellent teacher, a wonderful person, and a true gentleman. Professor Knight's fundamental contributions to condensed matter physics are well known, in particular in the areas of nuclear magnetic resonance, small metal particles, and clusters. Many of the papers that follow reflect his influence on various fields of physics.....We all join together in sending our best wishes to Walter, his wife Sara, and their family." And we would like to take this opportunity to add the best wishes of the Class of 1941. Congratulations and happy birthday, Walt!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

To quote **Pat Kane MacFadden**, "All's well here, busy, healthy (more or less), happy (mostly), and coping with the mad whirl of cocktail parties, fêtes, and the usual round of midnight flirtations." Don't we wish! ✷ **Nina Camuti Danielsen** has a major problem. She can't decide whether to take a trip or have knee surgery. She needs to plan both around the April arrival of grandchild #16. Take the trip—but stick to countries that have orthopedic surgeons. ✷ **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** sent a lovely card with a painting of Midd College by Mia DeMattei '97. The Robinsons spent Christmas at son David's new home in Amherst, NH, along with the rest of their kids. We saw them at Bread Loaf in September and they look happy and healthy. Guess the two go hand in hand. ✷ **Helen Hooley Young** is doing very well with her non-smoking program. So you're putting on a little weight! Who cares? ✷ **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** and husband Denny are covering the globe. Went to Iceland and Scandinavia in '99; 2000 will see them in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the Tattoo, and a visit with **Hope Rood Redway** in England. ✷ **Sue Hulings Ottinger** said she and Harry had a good year—except she broke her leg and Harry had a heart attack! Their whole family went to Barbados, then Sue and Harry traveled Michigan with friends, went to Harry's 60th high school reunion in September, and hosted a family reunion for the Hot Air Balloon Festival. (Thanks to Sue, we enjoyed that a few years back.) Sue saw Bill and **Virgie Witte Miller** at her brother's show in Santa Fe. The Millers were vacationing in NM. ✷ **Jack McMann**'s card had a photo of him with a good looking daughter on each side. They are multi-degreed, following in Jack's educational footsteps. ✷ **Hope Rood Redway** and **Dottie Milligan Schuck** are withdrawing from the Continental scene this year and visiting Washington, DC. Hope hasn't been there since wartime. Otherwise, she's doing Britain by car with a friend, bit by bit, as she's sick of airports. Amen! ✷ **Irv Senne** sold his house and is in a condo nearby: "Views down over the marshes and beautiful sunsets, near where Winslow Homer did his famous seascapes." (Irv, the card I sent from the Zugspitz was from southern Germany at Garmisch.) ✷ **Mary Eimer Leinbach** and John hosted the West Coast group of the family at Carlsbad, CA, with a visit to Legoland. In October, they did the East Coast group in Alexandria and didn't miss anything in DC and Mt. Vernon. Their oldest granddaughter is a freshman at McGill. ✷ **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** did the three rivers cruise in Europe last year. It's a winner! They enjoyed it so much they'll be on the Seine and Rhone this year. First they were going to AZ until April 15. ✷ Ed '40 and **Jane Giblin Langey** moved to a condo (70 Southwick Ct., #202, Cheshire, CT 06410), which is an easier life. ✷ No more traveling for **Martha Godard Dean**, due to her husband's health, but she loves to hear of the adventures of others. She's a computer person and she's active in a philanthropic organization getting education grants for women. You deserve a star in your crown! ✷ **T. Holmes "Bud" Moore** recently retired as president of the New Hampshire Music Festival in which he was active for 30 years, serving as president for 12 years. ✷ We have received the sad news of the death last May of **Alice Taylor Thornycroft**. She was the mother of five, grandmother of five, and the children's librarian in St. Joseph Library. Her severe eye problems prevented her from coming to our last two reunions. ✷ **Dixie Davis** and his wife sold the motor home they used extensively, but they still hit all the jazz festivals in Orlando, New Orleans, and Lake of the Ozarks, and took a recent side trip to Branson. They also journeyed to Cape Cod for a family reunion and a Hollywood-style wedding. His report on golf is very impressive: he won the county seniors and a bunch of scrambles. Nice to know someone our age with a handicap of 8! ✷ We (Nancy and Jack) had an extraordinary Thanksgiving week with our clan of children and grandchildren—24 in all—at a beautiful state park resort in SC on Lake Thurmond, north of Augusta. With six cottages and a few motel rooms, we enjoyed dinners in a private dining room at the lodge, tennis, fishing, volleyball, and 12 starting times daily on their beautiful golf course. We had tournaments and prizes, and each family hosted a cocktail hour. It was fun to get the cousins together, all went well, and none of the boys fought! We're heading south in January, but will be back in time to write the next installment, unless we don't hear from you. Then you won't hear from us. Best of 2000 to you!

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Class Secretaries: *Chick Johnson Doe, 327 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale (jsgale@shore.net), 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Lew Haines has appreciated hearing from many friends since news of his illness was made known. He continues to do well and is now planning to climb Mt. Washington on his 80th birthday in

Building a new house in California (see foundation in background), Ted Peach '43 is digging a 4-foot hole for a pole to support solar voltaic cells—"We have no public utility electricity here."

Herb and Barbara Bates Lauterwasser '47 cruising on Lake Geneva last May.

2001. Perhaps **Bill Hawkes** will join him, if Bill is actually retired by then. ✷ **Yvonne Golding Weinhardt** reports that 1999 was a year of recuperation from her second hip operation, helped along by water therapy three times a week. She continues her weekly Bible study, investment club, and Tri Delta alumnae groups. She and Bill enjoy the Dallas/Fort Worth symphony, opera, and museums. They again visited son Stephen in Annapolis and took in the Naval Academy commencement ceremony. ✷ Jack and **Dottie Forsythe Dale** continued their canoe day tripping last summer from their Raquette Lake base in the Adirondacks. They attended another grandson's wedding in MI, and report a much enjoyed Christmas visit from son Steve and family. Steve works in Burlington (VT) at the Baird Center, which arranges foster homes and operates a school for abused and neglected children. In July 2000, Dottie and Jack plan to join their children at Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies to celebrate Jack's 80th birthday. ✷ Rod and **Ginny Clemens Lowman** take the prize for being the most widely traveled members of '43. They spent Christmas 1998 on an Elderhostel trip to Antarctica. Flying to Buenos Aries and then to the southern tip of Argentina, they boarded a Russian research ship for the Antarctic peninsula, where a Zodiac landing craft took them ashore to be greeted by penguins, leopard and elephant seals, skuas and albatrosses. On return through Buenos Aires, they met with Girl Guide officials and planned an exchange between the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County (NY) and the Girl Guides of Argentina. In August, Ginny and Rod headed north via Amtrak to Montreal, where they boarded the American Orient Express for a trip through the Canadian Maritimes, with day trips to Halifax, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec City. October found them in Kansas City, MO, at the 48th Girl Scouting National Council Session and Convention. A December 1999 cruise was to include Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, and several Caribbean islands. They were spending Christmas with one of their children in Georgia. Rod continues to serve as historian for his group of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. ✷ **Steve Wilson** writes from Portland, OR, where grandson Edward, who is training to become a commercial pilot, invited Steve to fly with him up the Columbia River Gorge. Recalling a rather frightening flight out of Bristol with John Ross in the early CAP training days, Steve decided to take a rain check on this new offer. ✷ Good news from **Jack Lundrigan**'s wife, Ann, who writes that his speech has improved and they're pleased with the results of his therapy. They were expecting to spend Christmas '99 with their children in Chicago. ✷ **Dick Morehouse** writes: "Daughter Jamien's ('73) long fight with cancer ended quietly last May. Summertime on Vinalhaven Island in Maine was a welcome healing device with Jamie's twin boys living with us—magnets for a wonderful fist-full of other sub-teenagers who filled the house each day. They made an epic video, 'The Secret of Page 13,' somewhat weak on plot but full of intrigue and the sinking of an ocean liner. To be continued this summer. Jamie's energies as teacher, artist, columnist, and fund-raiser are to be recognized in 2000 at the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland, ME, as it adds a wing to be called the Jamien Morehouse Gallery. I still practice architecture on small projects. Lee [Van Leuven '45] sings in her church choir and follows yellow lab Jason through the Concord woods daily." ✷ Our thanks to **Bob Byington**, who has agreed to become one of the 1943 class agents and who may contact many of you regarding the annual giving program. Bob sent news of the Charlotte (VT) Park and Wildlife Refuge and dairy farm, recently donated by Steven Rockefeller, retired prof. of religion at Middlebury, and dedicated in July 1999. The park consists of 290 acres on the west side of Route 7 in Charlotte and the dairy farm 570 acres on the east side of the highway. About 600 acres of this land comprised the ancestral farm of Bing's grandfather, who went west in the Gold Rush days and returned with enough gold dust or cash to purchase this land in 1869. Bing's father moved to NYC and located on Long Island, but Bing spent many summers on the farm, doing chores and especially helping during haying season. With his height he should have been able to pitch hay up on the wagons with no difficulty! ✷ Finally, a reminder from **Kay Sempepos Silliman** that our 57 1/2 reunion is scheduled for September 15-17, 2000. Mark your engagement calendars now! We have always referred to these interim get-togethers as "mini-reunions," but let's do away with the "mini" and make it a REUNION!

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

Unhappily we must begin with the loss of three classmates. We regret to report the death of **David Stagg** on October 10. The condolences of the class go to his wife, Evelyn Wheeler Stagg '39, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ✷ On October 14, **W. Thomas Rooney** died in his home town of Newport, VT, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Tom was a letterman in three sports while at Middlebury. We send our sympathy to his wife, Yvette, and the family. ✷ **Janet Phlug Kleven** died on December 6, in Essex. CT. Bill and **Tommy Ring Hennefrund** and Charles and **Betty Broadbent Brown** attended a memorial service at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Old Lyme. ✷ Turning to the *good* news, we were delighted to receive a jubilant letter from **Hal Parker**, who has had an incredible number of surgeries, including a triple bypass, removal of cataracts, and then lens implantation—which was so successful that it gave him 20/20 vision, after being 20/400 since birth! "Today," he wrote, "is a new world, made up of individual trees in the woods with individual branches against a blue sky, rather than the generalized green blob that woods had been for most of my life." Hal keeps up with many Middlebury friends since, as he points out, he spent a lot of time there as a student (1940-'43; '46-'47) and then as a faculty member (1949-'53). Of special interest to us was his regular phone contact with Paul Vyrros '48 (M.A. Spanish '53), who many of us remember as an early member of the Class of '44. Hal says he looks forward to playing in the Gordon Perine '49 Annual Golf Tournament in September 2000. ✷ **Herb** and **Carolyn Nash Taylor** tell us they are enjoying a great-grandchild these days. Anybody else in the same situation? ✷ Notes on our Christmas cards reassure us that we are "hanging in" there with the help of a positive attitude and a variety of pills. Keep the news coming; we can't report it, if we don't know it.

REUNION 45 CLASS

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A memory lane millennium note from **Dottie Laux O'Brien** (or does it just seem like a thousand years ago?): "One day last fall, I was listening to a call-in program, *The Talk of Vermont*, on the radio, when I suddenly heard the name Waldo Heinrichs! Host Jeff Kaufmann was interviewing author Charles Woolley about *First to the Front*, his new book containing many old photos and letters written by Heinrichs to his mother from France during World War I. Excerpts were read; I had no idea Heinrichs had been such a beautiful writer. He described the discrepancy between sitting on gilded chairs and eating gourmet food in a château and then going out in flimsy planes to shoot down Germans. He described one training exercise when seven of eight planes flipped over on landing and were demolished. (Only his remained intact, he bragged.) Of course, I *had* to phone in and, as soon as I got through, I gasped, 'I'm so excited! Waldo Heinrichs was my professor at Middlebury in 1941!' Both men said, 'You're kidding!' I said, 'I'm not!' They asked me to describe the course and I told them about our freshman survey course in contemporary civilization. I said we had to read *Time* magazine and Prof. Heinrichs *knew* all the guys on the covers personally. They asked me to describe him and that was easy: the terribly scarred face, talking out of one side of his mouth, a sort of bark, and the shattered arm which he had to shift with the other (like my dad did). Then I mentioned that Pearl Harbor was three months later and I did-

Gathering in late summer were Peggy Bowles Smith '43, Skip Wilkin Dimond '43, Bart Nourse '48, Tiffany Clark Nourse '47, and Jeannette Atkins Louth '47.

n't remember anything else after that. The author chimed in that he knew what had happened: it's in the book. Heinrichs got out his old World War I uniform (which still fit him) and went around to all the fraternity houses and spoke to the men about *his* war experiences, as they prepared for theirs. (I guess the 'girls' were shielded from all this in those days.) I also told how Collins had bumped into Waldo, Jr., at church in California. Unfortunately, the book costs $50, but it has already gotten great reviews from aviation magazines." ✷ **Ann Robinson Walker** writes that husband "Bill's August illness is still paramount in our lives. Kidney problems are still unsettled, so that his condition is up and down. We hope the new year will change that." ✷ On a celebratory note, **Alan** and **Jo Higgins Wolfley** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on January 6. And by the way, Jo was present at the Sardi's get-together last spring, having attended for the past 20 years.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.) (nord7@earthlink.net), 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.) (camshaw@sover.net), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Secretary Shaw reports: **Marilyn Arey (Breezie) McGeehan**'s fall trip through the Panama Canal was "super-fab." It was a "big band cruise" with music from Jimmy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, etc., played with great musicians. "The best was Ray Anthony in person, with his son on bass. He is 77, but as good as ever. I was up at 5:30 to see our arrival at the canal, the river pilot getting on board to take the ship through, 18 inches on each side, little engines on land to keep the ship straight—the sheer beauty of it all. We anchored in the lake past locks for two hours, then returned the next day through locks to the Atlantic and Cartagena, Colombia. Nassau was fun and St. Thomas also. Anyone for the rivers of Europe? I'm determined!" ✷ Last August, Ralph and **Bette Bertschinger (Birch) Saul** flew to Durango, CO, and then drove to Telluride. Although the mountains were beautiful, they left a day earlier than planned because Birch had difficulty breathing in that lofty atmosphere. She was gasping! Heading hastily down hill, they found the environment of Las Vegas much more relaxing. Their plans include Munich, Czechoslovakia, Cape Cod, and Skytop (PA)—not to mention winter months in Naples, FL! ✷ A good conversation with **Margaret (Peg) Booker** revealed that she still enjoys weekly volunteer work in the Manhasset, Long Island, office of Friends of Hospice. Her other activities include going to movies, having meals with friends, and attending AAUW study groups. ✷ **Evelyn (Evie) Barre Carter** continues to lead a busy life. Now she's working with the Defender General's office on a joint venture with the Disabilities Law Project to recruit and train people with a background in communications to be cognitive facilitators. These facilitators in turn would work with people with mental retardation, assisting them in understanding issues of wrongdoing and subsequent charges. Evie and colleagues would like this to be part of the system and—sitting here, twiddling my thumbs in retirement, all I can say is, "Go for it, Evie!" ✷ Roy and **Fran Tenney Coombs** have been walking on air since the arrival of their second grandchild, Rebecca Anne. She was born to their daughter, Cindy, and Tom Harbert in October 1999, joining big sister Megan. ✷ We were very sorry to learn of the December 1999 death of Victor Ales, husband of **Marian Fisher Ales**, after a long and difficult time with Parkinson's disease. The class sends Marian our sincere sympathy. ✷ We also regret to report the death of **Patricia Beach Kortlandt** on October 11 and send the condolences of the class to her husband, Nicolaas A. Kortlandt. ✷ **Ed Andrews**, who many will remember from V-12 days at Midd, is now the grandfather of 12 and the great-grandfather of a three-year-old. Ed has travelled to Labrador, New Brunswick, and even Russia for the sport of fishing. In September, he found great salmon fishing in Alaska. Reading Ed's 50th Reunion autobiography, I note that he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Middlebury in 1972. Which reminds me—I recommend that you take the reunion yearbook off the shelf or out of the closet and read those bios. You'll be impressed!

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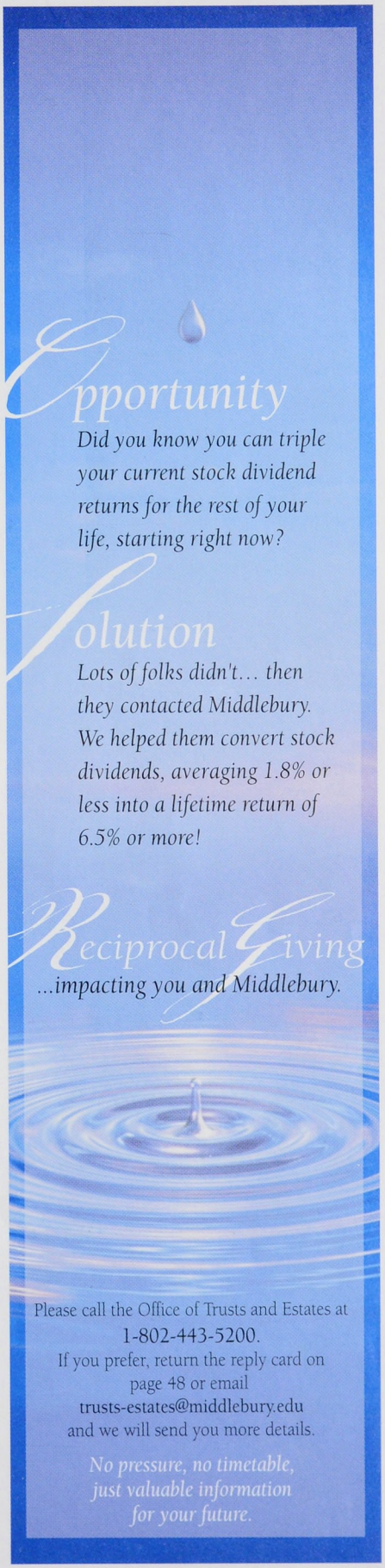
Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and Philip Briggs, 40947 N. 107th Pl., Scottsdale, AZ 85262.*

Secretary James reports: **Jean Davis Battey** took over the showing of her prize Clumber Spaniel last summer, when he was within four points of his championship and her handler moved away. Jean "learned the ropes" and handled "Bailey" herself, and is proud that he did attain his championship. ✷ After enjoying a Baltic Sea cruise last fall, Bill and **Jeannette Atkins Louth** incorporated pictures of many European steeples into their Christmas message. ✷ **Muriel Mack Lamppert** often shares travel news but, due to some recent arthroscopic surgery on her knee, she has postponed traveling—except for visits to family in Boston. ✷ **Barbara Bates Lauterwasser** and Herb visited Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in May 1999. ✷ **Alice DeLorenzo Stansbury** says she plans a tour of northern France later this year. She seems so busy and active at home, we wonder how she would find time to go away! With time-shares to enjoy in several places, she spends time in Palm Beach, Maine, and Hilton Head; cares for a wonderful garden plot (protected from deer damage by high fencing); takes dancercize, Bible study, and Spanish class; is VP of AAUW and treasurer of Friends of the Ridgefield Library; and keeps up as best she can with two grandchildren, ages 4 and 1. Whew! ✷ **Janet Rogers Enzmann** and George spent two weeks in Central America, seeing the ancient ruins and meeting the people. They also had a marvelous family reunion in Minnesota and Janet has finished assembling a family genealogy on which she has worked for years. Big sigh of relief! ✷ **George** and **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** shared news of a full summer, with visits from seven grandchildren in Maine. Before leaving for their winter home in Virginia, they saw Bob and **Lois Southgate Badger** in Kennebunkport and called on former dean Storrs Lee '28 at Pemaquid Point. Jo also spent a few hours catching up with **Nancy Fitz Smith** in September. Nancy and husband Bud '45 were to leave soon for Thailand to see their son and his family. ✷ After 44 years in their home, Fred and **Anne Macomber Wood** have moved to an apartment (14 Temple St., #4E, Framingham, MA 01702), where they enjoy freedom from responsibility for house and yard. They also celebrated their 50th anniversary in July. A big year for them! They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will still spend some winter months in Naples, FL. ✷ Classmates attending last October's dedication of Bicentennial Hall at Middlebury included **Betsy Hornaday Fry, Joyce Walsh Heath, Betty Galloway Masterson, Phyllis Burke Cunningham, Anita Strassel Tiemann, Alice Neef Perine, Morton Bass** and **Lynn Bruhn.** Lynn marched in the academic procession at the dedication ceremony. Mort Bass shared some of his impressions of this splendid new science building at the College and spoke of the high technological level evidenced by the listing of offerings in many highly advanced fields. He praised the outstanding construction and architecture, the conception behind it all, and the advancement it represents in so many sciences. He sums it up: "Truly impressive and the most beautiful building on campus." ✷ **Betsy Hornaday Fry** shares a delightful Middlebury story: "Bob and I were in Switzerland for two weeks over Christmas and New Year's. As we waited for our return flight to Boston on Swiss Air, we were drawn to an attractive group of young women. We were delighted to find that they were the Middlebury women's ice hockey team and that they had played four games in Switzerland during their vacation. They were as surprised to be recognized as we were to find them. They were wonderfully interested to talk with us—and to ask questions about Middlebury 50 years ago! We had a chance to talk also with Eric Davis, College secretary, who accompanied them (and had addressed our reunion class). Since the flight was delayed for three hours, and since we were seated right in front of them, we inadvertently learned a lot about what is going on in the lives of students at Middlebury. They are a first rate group! Betsy has volunteered to compile a listing of e-mail addresses for all of the class. Her's is efry@worldnet.att.net. So let's all join the 21st century by getting on the list. Thank you, Betsy!

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Class Secretaries: *Daniel R. and Joan Tyler Gilbert, 175 W. North St., #335C, Nazareth, PA 18064.*

We regret to report the death of **Ronald W. Butterfield** on October 10. The condolences of the class go to his wife, Madeleine, and to all the family, including daughter Madeleine Butterfield Bass '84. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ✷ We also send the condolences of our class to the family of **Frances Farwell O'Mara**, who died on December 27, after a fall in her home in Canton, MA. Her memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. Her sons, Duncan and Hugh, have put up a Web page for Frances, including some of her poems. You will find the site at http://home.earthlink.net/~hugho/frances.html. ✷ **Liz Bredenberg Ness** reports that she has moved into a condo in Wayne, PA. This puts her closer to her daughter, but farther away from grandchildren in Manhattan. I want to know if Mad Anthony still haunts that historic area! ✷ **Sally Peck Littlefield** e-mails a message about life in mid-Vermont. She reports she ran into some of the Gilbert relatives at a Vergennes (remember that town?) High School play. She also says that **Evan** is still working on a bibliography of books on American political thought I sent to him not long after that 50th Reunion. I wish I had had students who were that eager when I taught American History lo those many years. ✷ The Gilberts are deep into the awesome task of clearing out 37 years of living at "that old house" in preparation for a move into a retirement facility in nearby Nazareth, PA. More on this—if we make it!

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Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and Bob M. Gore, Jr., 60 Keenan Dr., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Secretary Pat Allen Guthrie reports: Dave and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary early with a fabulous five-day cruise out of California with our entire family. It took place over Christmas and there were 24 of us in total—children, spouses, and grandchildren. We returned to Vero Beach in January. ✷ The recipient of our Class of 1949 Scholarship for this year is a psychology major, who hopes to teach in an elementary school or pursue a career in coaching at a prep school or college. ✷ **Jean Caldwell Ferrell**, who says she had a great time at reunion, is in training for a climb of Mt. Lassen this July with her family—a 2,000-foot climb in 2 1/2 miles, from a starting altitude of 8,450 feet. Wow! ✷ **Dunc** and **Connie Kelly Law** were glad to see Connie's roommate **Mickey Clarke Sharp**, who was back for the first time since graduation. Connie and Dunc's camera jammed after taking two pictures at reunion, so they will be eternally grateful for any photos taken by other people. ✷ George and **Lura "Willie" Williams Wood** thought reunion was great. She says they're enjoying a seven-month-old Sheltie pup that is supposed to be keeping them young! ✷ **Pat Thwaits Garcia** reports that husband Max had a triple by-pass in early May, which explains why they weren't there! ✷ A post-reunion note from **Jane Livsey Flory** informs us that a lung problem necessitates utilizing a machine for 20-25 minutes every four hours, a situation that is not conducive for travel. Jane hasn't lost her sense of humor and still does stand-up comedy. We could have used her at our banquet! ✷ After reunion, John and **Dot Morse Cooper** flew to England for a three-week stay in Cornwall, London, and the Scilly Islands. This was Dot's first trip abroad since 1952, when she sailed on a Holland-America ship with **Barbie Earling Lindeberg**. ✷ **Marilyn Crawford Stoke** missed the 50th, because she was in Ireland on a golf trip that had been planned a year ago. ✷ A note from **Bunny Bean Wilkins** inquires about **Janet Smith**. Anyone knowing anything about Janet, please let Bunny or me (Pat) know. ✷ After reunion, **Jane Alice Miller Brouwers** had a large family celebration of her husband Bill's 80th birthday in Orlando, with 22 family members in attendance. ✷ Although **Phil Deane** and wife Lola live on Shaw Island in Washington, they managed to have a family reunion last July in Colorado. ✷ I'm sure **Rachel Stryker Smith**'s French major came in handy when she took the Midd eight-day football trip to France last fall. Bard Lindemann '50 and wife Jan flew up from Georgia to join the group. After a bus tour of Paris, the group flew to Nice for a tour to Cannes and St. Tropez. The highlight of the trip, of course, was Middlebury's victory in the football game. ✷ **Charles James** was a panelist during the Middlebury Bicentennial Symposium on International Affairs last November. Since his retirement from the Department of State in 1979, he has continued his active interest in international affairs. ✷ **Gideon LaCroix** and wife Jean missed our 50th because they were away on a long-standing commitment. He spends most of his winter days skiing on Stratton Mountain. ✷ **Spencer Wright** writes: "Great 50th last May. Makes one feel younger, seeing all those familiar faces."

REUNION 50 CLASS

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Class secretary Barbara J. Parker reports: Fifty years ago, our Class-of-1950 community dissolved abruptly and completely in one swift graduation weekend. We all went our separate and very different directions, feeling perhaps a little bit lost, bewildered, and lonely. That half-century has flown by for me, and I'll bet for most of you. As I look back over those years, I have lived many lives and been many different people. While I have not always been able to choose the paths I have walked, ever-amazing and unexpected byways and highways have opened up before my steps. I hope that you have found, as I have, that life—in spite of its bizarre and sometimes brambly twists and turns, its breezy mountain tops and murky sloughs of despond—nevertheless is replete with joy, surprise, fulfillment, and love. I'll see you all at Reunion 50! I can hardly wait to revisit our half-century-old "Brigadoon" and make it real again! Please be there!

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Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, 1019 CiderMill Rd., Cornwall, VT 05753.*

A happy move in 1991 for Bill and **Eleanor Stutz Kirlin** to Brevard, NC, just off the Blue Ridge Highway, at an altitude of 3,300 feet. Surrounded by four lakes and a golf course, they quickly settled in and are enjoying the community, the church choir and hand bells, bocce ball, and the summer programs at Brevard College's Music Center. Added bonus: six granddaughters are within easy visiting range. ✷ An enthusiastic letter from **Don Axinn** described his stint last spring as Executive-in-Residence at Middlebury, where he was asked to give classes, seminars, and a public lecture on the creative process. Working with several sections on economics, as well as on poetry and creative writing, he found the students "very impressive, both for their high levels of intelligence and curiosity. ...The time on campus was exhausting, but exhilarating, and I count it as very special. As a footnote, and I mean this seriously, I do not believe that I would be accepted to Middlebury today. The young men and women students are at the very top of their generation." And in another facet of Don's life, he has acquired a 1932 WACO UBA two-tone green biplane with silver wings. And it recently took two prizes in air shows! ✷ Speaking of the campus, **Betty Gale Woods** reports: "This fall I have seen both the new hockey rink and the

impressive Bicentennial building. I find it hard to believe it is the same college I attended." ✷ **Norma Horsford Whittinghill** will have a look in June, when she attends Dex's 50th Reunion. They are so involved with church, community, golf, bridge groups, and family that it must be hard to get away. ✷ Golfers take note: **Ellie Hight Morris** says Irv '53 really enjoyed his first hole-in-one last fall. ✷ **Jane Hyde Christopher** and Ted had planned to spend New Year's on the Florida gulf coast with their tennis friends, but they're all golfers now! Is there a message here? ✷ Our class scholarship has been awarded to an environmental studies major, with a minor in music. She studied abroad last spring and hopes to work with children after graduating this spring. We wish her well as she goes on from Middlebury.

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Class Secretaries: *Carol Whitham Brewster, Pond Rd., P.O. Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and Charles A. Ratté, P.O. Box 3446, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.*

Class Secretary Ratté reports: A recent article in the *Boston Globe* about the "Great Wild Turkey Nuisance" on Martha's Vineyard brought a phone call from **Doug Webb** to see if the wild turkeys had gotten us yet. We're in a pretty heavily populated part of town and I guess the turkeys haven't been forced to seek out the bird feeding stations of us city folk. ✷ The turkey article also prompted a funny note from **Sally Baldwin Utiger**, who had recently returned from Naples, FL, after competing in the National Senior Women's Tennis Intersectionals. The New England team placed 6th out of 14 USTA sections represented. Sally informs us that she survived a frightening earthquake—5.8 on the Richter scale—in Alaska, while visiting her daughter in Haines. (Haines is not far from Judy Ratté's hometown of Hoonah.) Somehow my life as a geologist has spared me from experiencing anything of that magnitude, even though I have lived in and visited many earthquake-prone areas. Sally sent news of **Carol Holmes Phillips**, who is recovering nicely from a knee replacement operation and already talking about getting back on her bicycle, and of **Jean Vaughn Varney**, who recently placed third in her division in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics three-mile walk competition (see photo with bronze medal). ✷ **Charles Harris** wrote a nice note, claiming his hometown of Greenfield, MA, would be the first town to celebrate the third millennium. I guess he figured he's close enough to the time zone change (from Atlantic to Eastern time) to get a slight jump on the rest of the country. Although stricken with diabetes for some time and hospitalized three times of late, Charles has been able to follow his hobby with trips to NASCAR stock car races at Virginia Beach in VA and Dover Downs in DE. A former race car owner himself (1956-1966), he raced primarily at Stafford Springs, CT. Charles wonders whether any other Class of '52er was in attendance (as he was) at the opening of the International Daytona Speedway in 1959. ✷ **Roger "Handy Man" Handy** writes that he "thoroughly enjoyed 42 years of single blessedness," while he was working in the hi tech business, getting in plenty of skiing, tennis, and travel. But the true love bug bit him when he met Leoné, a lovely British lady, on one of his travels abroad. Now celebrating 29 years of marital bliss, Roger has a daughter and a son—and now his first grandchild, Emily, born on November 1. Congratulations, Grandpa! Last May, the Handy family moved to Yarmouthport (MA) on the King's Way Golf Course, but Roger emphasizes this is not retirement. He's actually building a new business in innovative environmental products that keeps him busy throughout New England and upstate NY. After a bout with prostate cancer and heart blockage, Roger says he is in tip-top shape and looking forward to our 50th! Bravo! We look forward to seeing Rog and Leoné. ✷ Secretary Brewster reports: Bob and **Judy Hudders Lovegren** continue to be active in their community and church in Syria, VA. The highlight of their travels in '99 was an 11-day cruise with daughter Joan and her husband, Brent, leaving from Nice with stops in Spain and Portugal, and ending in England. With five married children and with grandchildren reaching high school age, Judy and Bob find that "retirement is busy and fulfilling." ✷ **Jane Rupp Cooke** has celebrated 50 years as a Red Cross volunteer. ✷ **Anne Upson Stone** had hip replacement surgery in December and was looking forward to playing tennis again. She and husband Fred are finally seeing some progress in the investigation of son Ralph's murder in Washington, DC. With a new U.S. Attorney handling the case, it has now reached the Grand Jury level. During the winter of '99, Anne completed the last two chapters of Ralph's dissertation and then defended it at George Washington Univ., where it was accepted. CEDPA, the organization Ralph worked for, is planning to publish the results of his research. Anne chairs the board of directors of an organization serving remote villages on the upper Amazon River in Peru, where UConn dental school students volunteer two weeks, providing basic services. A Middlebury tour group visited the model farm and study center there at Anne's invitation. Their two other sons and families are fine, and Anne and Fred are enjoying their grandchildren.

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"After 30 years living on Cape Cod," writes **Anne Schafer Edwards**, "I'm finally learning to sail. My granddaughter (age 9) is teaching me. Great fun!" ✷ The board of directors of the Trust Company of CT has appointed **Norman Armour** vice chairman. Norm was a cofounder of the company in 1992. He is past president of the Estate and Business Planning Council of Hartford, CT. ✷ We regret to report the death **of Roger Gibson** on October 29 and send the condolences of the class to his wife, Elsie. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

Jean Vaughn Varney '52 and her bronze medal (see 1952 column)

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Richard Wilson has been organist at Malone (NY) Centenary United Methodist Church for 50 years. He studied piano and organ at Midd, but majored in French and went on to receive his M.A. in French in 1959. During his years at the organ in Malone, he has also taught French (13 years) and worked for 13 years at the Crane School of Music in Potsdam. He has also tuned pianos and organs all across the North Country. ✷ **Chuck** and **Ann Heath Fay** spent their first Christmas ever in Hilton Head. Part of their family and other friends were arriving for a large New Year's gathering. ✷ **Pat Paullin Dinsmore** said it was grand to see everyone after 45 years and thought it remarkable that we don't seem to have aged. She was cruising the Windward Islands in January, and was looking forward to the arrival of her first granddaughter in February. ✷ Secretary Ryan reports that Don and **Lois Wanstall Kaufmann** divide their time between VT and FL. They recently enjoyed visiting with Bob and **Beth Headley Kendall** in Vero Beach, FL. Regretfully, the Kendalls were unable to get to reunion because of previous commitments at St. Olaf College in MN. Beth reported a sighting of **Julie Hodges** in Port Charlotte, FL, but said he had left for Jaffrey, NH. I (**Tom Ryan**) reached Julie in Port Charlotte, where he has lived in the same house for 24 years. He sounds terrific and hasn't changed—same enthusiasm, same energy! Now married for 26 years, Julie left Wall Street in 1973 for FL, where he entered the real estate and real estate appraisal business, retiring 12 years ago. He and his family spend half their time in Port Charlotte (90 miles south of Tampa) and the other half in Jaffrey, NH, where they bought a "fixer upper" some 10 years ago. He describes it as a "work in progress." ✷ Christmas cards indicate that all is well at the **Wyckoff, Davenport, Gleason**, and **Moffitt** homes. Ken **and Barbara Knight Moffitt** have been traveling to the far reaches: Antarctica early last year and later back to Crested Butte, CO. We hope to have some sort of mini-Midd reunion in CO one of these days. ✷ Visited briefly with **Nancy Stevens Fuller** in October. She said that **Warren** was vacationing in SD, looking at the wide open spaces. She reports that Sarah and **Monk Ogden** live across the street in Londonderry, VT. ✷ Emily and I were back in Middlebury in October for the dedication of the new science building, Bicentennial Hall. The weather was, as always, magnificent and the new building is impressive! Had a really nice visit with Prof. D.K. Smith, who was incapacitated with a knee he had blown while clearing the Appalachian Trail. He's my hero! Closer to home: last month I couldn't even spell "instrument-rated pilot" and now, after six sweaty and grueling hours with an FAA examiner, I *am* one! ✷ Keep those cards and letters coming. And in the meantime, stay active and stay connected!

REUNION 55 CLASS

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Secretary von Hartz reports: I'm writing this in January, the deadline for the April issue. John and I just visited **Robert "Floogle" Fleming** at NYU Hospital, where he is recovering from triple bypass surgery and is in good spirits. You can get in touch with him at 310 West 88th St., #8, New York, NY 10024. ✷ I spoke with **Pat Hinman Makin** on January 11, on her return from a three-week dream trip to Australia and New Zealand. She spent Christmas on the Great Barrier Reef and was in Sydney for their New Year's Eve extravaganza. She did a bungee jump on South Island and was a guest on the camera boat for the America's Cup Trials in Auckland! ✷ Music director **Ann Towle Dolbashian** gave a musical demonstration for children recently. "Exploring the Pipe Organ—the King of Instruments" concluded with an opportunity for participants to play the organ. Ann has been the organist at the United Congregational Church in Middletown, RI, since 1995. ✷ **Alan Gould**, a speech-language-hearing pathologist, produced a special open-captioned performance of Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* in the Wilton (CT) Playshop recently. Alan has been the moderator for the Playshop's series of seminars and signed performances for years, but this was the first open-captioned performance for hearing impaired patrons. With the aid of a portable unit, captioning appeared in red letters on a small digital screen located in front of one side section of the auditorium. Contributions from many local supporters and organizations made the special performance possible. Prior to the performance, Alan moderated a seminar, entitled "From the Novel to the Stage." ✷ This is our last column before our 45th Reunion. We're looking forward to the festivities of June 2-4 and hope to see most of you there. Please send in your news items for our last column and for those of our successors in the years ahead. ✷ **Kit Smith Halloran O'Meara** writes: "In June of 1999 I married Tom O'Meara, an old friend of my first husband, and we had a marvelous wedding trip to Ireland. Hope to see lots of you at the reunion."

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Class Secretary Houghton reports: We extend our condolences to the family of **Rosemary Knapton Currie**, who died on September 20, after a long illness. Rosemary was an associate dean at Hobart William Smith College in Geneva, NY, before her retirement. ✷ **Peg Strauss Patierno** sends news of some exciting travels to China, Mongolia, Siberia, and Russia via the trans-Mongolian and trans-Siberian railroads. Peg and husband Lou attended the exciting Nadam Festival. Back at home, the Patiernos were teaching Red Cross shelter operations in case of power outages at the turn of Y2K, but fortunately the power stayed on. Peg, **Sally Gerhart Mitchel**, and **Charlotte Duryea Brophy** had a get-together last August. If other groups are having mini-reunions, please let us know. ✷ Heather Hamilton Robinson '57 reports that husband **Charlie Robinson** was honored in November by the New Hampshire Rehabilitation Assoc. as the recipient of a Frank J. Loughran Lifetime Achievement award in service to people with disabilities. Congratulations, Charlie! ✷ We have received a thoughtful thank-you note from the recipient of our Class of 1956 Scholarship. Now in his senior year, he is a psychology major who has spent an internship working with autistic and developmentally challenged children. He writes glowingly of his experiences and course work and says that "Middlebury has been an unbelievable learning and growing experience. It has helped me become aware of what I should search for... [and] it has made me realize what I value and that I should follow my beliefs." ✷ One of the highlights of the year for the Houghtons was a trip to the Galapagos Islands on a small boat carrying only 12 passengers, including Jock and Jean Hosford Bovington '52. We saw how life was before man showed up, as well as some quite astonishing bird and plant life. A *National Geographic* photographer accompanied us, so we got some good tips on how to capture the unique scenery. We highly recommend the trip, if you have some naturalist leanings. ✷ **John Chase** and wife Barbara report another trip to Africa. By now it seems they have covered most of the continent and have loved every bit of it. In March they were off for three weeks in Morocco and Tunisia, to see Fez, Rabat, and Casablanca, and to camp out in the desert with the Berbers. ✷ Write! we want to know about you. Just one more year until the 45th! ✷ **Dick Powell** writes that he is organizing a one-time veterans reunion at Middlebury in conjunction with the bicentennial, to be held on the week of June 2-4, 2000. Alums who served in the armed forces are all invited to attend. Dick says "The gathering will enable veterans from all classes to connect with others of like experience and to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice." **Ron Lawson** will preside at the dedication of a Veterans Memorial in Mead Chapel on June 3. Those with questions should contact Dick at 703-743-5173 or e-mail at repowell@erols.com. ✷ **Jack McDermott** (jmcdermo@lmulaw.lmu.edu) notes that few classmates have signed up on the on-line directory, as described on page 44 of the winter issue, and he encourages everyone to take advantage of this convenient means of staying in touch. The alumni directory is located at http://www.digitalfrontier.com/middalum/index.html.

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In our last column we covered the teaching adventures of Klaus and **Carol Curtiss Kleinschmidt**, who recently did a volunteer stint in China. Now another globe-trotting classmate reports in from the field. **Kathleen Platt Potier**, of Lancaster, PA, took part in a three-week Global Volunteers service program in Uttar Pradesh province of northern India, about 200 miles east of Delhi. Kathleen taught conversational English in a secondary school (see photo), where "the students were overwhelming in their warmth and affection. I was speechless the first time I was swarmed by children wanting my autograph. I will never read an article or see a film about India with the same eyes." ✷ In September, **Pete** (phowell527@aol.com) and **Lee Johnson Howell** moved into their new home on the Cape. It is only minutes to the sea or the freshwater pond in the backyard, at 22 Towhee Ln., S. Orleans, MA 02662 (P.O. Box 1066). ✷ The new house bug also bit **Pete** and Sue Lewis '58 **Read**, who have a home under construction in Peterborough, NH, with mountain views galore. ✷ **Frankie Hall** plans to retire this April and move from Washington, DC, to Williamsburg, VA. ✷ RAH, RAH e-mail! Send your electronic address—or just go on-line and put it into the Middlebury Web site.

Kathleen Platt Potier '57 volunteers at a school in northern India (see 1957 column)

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Scott Greer writes: "Four years ago, I was waiting for two daughters to make me a grandfather. Now thanks to two sets of twins (my side of the family) and two single births, I have six grandchildren!" ✷ Department of New Beginnings: **Deborah West Zipf** writes that she is living with her partner, Dr. Zelle Andrews, in White Plains, NY. ✷ From **Janet Miller McKee**: "Our son, Andrew, was married in September in Trinity Chapel, here in Dublin, to Amanda Murphy. Relatives came from near and far, including my mother from Maui, Hawaii, and my cousin Kitty Oppenheim Ray '63 from San Francisco. Andrew is working near Boston, so I hope to get to the States more often." ✷ Janet was moved to comment on the paucity of contributions to our '58 column, which we have often noted. So unless it has become time to write some 250 obituaries, let's hear about your mid-lives. No fewer than three literate class secretaries are poised to convey your pearls to the world. And you know that classes from '55 through '61, who shared Midd-life with us, are wondering how we're doing. Don't be shy.

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Our 40th Reunion was a great event last spring. **Sandy Yeomans Batal** was sorry to miss it. She reports that she's still "chugging along with things pretty much unchanged: same husband, four children, seven grandchildren, same job (a travel agent), same house, etc. We're both still working, though playing a little more. Spend summers in Rye, NY, and my extra time golfing, skiing, and playing tennis." Sandy and Bob '58 took a great trip to China last fall. "What an adventure! Life is fun and challenging." ✷ **Anne McDowell Jaster**, who arranged some of the most exciting musical material for the Mischords (Didn't she discover

"The Three Bears"?) writes that she's "not [doing] much music these days, other than listening—but what memories!" A botanical illustrator, Anne also teaches at an arboretum and an environmental organization. She has been studying Spanish in preparation for travels in Paraguay, Chile, Peru, and Mexico. She recently spent eight weeks in Mexico (Queretaro) studying Spanish, while husband Heinz did some consulting for a manufacturer. They anticipate "with pleasure" returning to Mexico several times in the next year. ✷ **Ann Biggar Prewitt** was preparing to mount a major educational exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History in NYC. She continues to lead museum tours of Kenya and Tanzania. ✷ **Ann Turenne Barclay** reports that "work, travel, and family are the main parts of my life." Her Christmas letter is a collage of pictures taken during a month-long pleasure/business trip to Rome and Tuscany last summer. Ann and husband Jim rented a small villa and were joined by daughter Katrine, son Eric Watson '91, and Eric's fiancée. Ann, who has her own licensed counseling agency, gave a seminar on "Treating Affected Others" at the University of Macerata. ✷ **Pam Payne Lewis** made a presentation to a major corporation on behalf of the Pittsburgh Bach Choir last September—on the same day that she entertained 12 relatives and friends of **Nancy McKnight Smith**. Greater love hath no roommate—or roommate's husband! ✷ **Gretchen Jordan Heebner** writes that "good health and good friends become increasingly meaningful." She and husband **Jeff** are celebrating 40 years of marriage. They are very proud of their children, a doctor and an artist. Gretchen has been working with a noted antique dealership in her free time and recently began taking horticulture classes. ✷ On a sad note, we regret to report the death of **Cynthia Crehore DeWyk** on November 20, and send our condolences to her family. ✷ **John Halpin** has been elected to the board at Lighthouse International, a worldwide resource on vision impairment and vision rehabilitation. Founded in 1905 and headquartered in NYC, Lighthouse (www.lighthouse.org) enables people who are blind or partially sighted to lead independent lives. John's parents, both of whom were blind, met at the Lighthouse, and his mother was a member of the Lighthouse Music School's teaching staff for more than 30 years. ✷ Our 40th Reunion was also the occasion for celebrating a new book, *Middlebury Women 1959: A Celebration*, compiled and edited by **Millicent Fairhurst**. The book grew out of conversations at our 35th Reunion, which prompted Millicent to write all the women of our class and find out what they had been doing since 1959. Sixty-six women shared their stories and a second edition of the book has subsequently been published, with additional stories from **Carolyn "Tanny" Kuebler Hodges, Sue Work Knirsch, Nancy Stewart Ramsdell**, and **Rebecca Link Rooney**. Beginning at Middlebury before the Women's Movement, the women of 1959 speak openly about how their lives have been lived out in the midst of growing opportunities and challenges for women in our society. Some have lived according to the "old ways," some the "new ways," and most of us, degrees in between. Taken separately, or as a whole, the compilation makes for inspiring reading and the possibility of renewed friendships. We are grateful to the women's studies department for their support in advising and launching the book!

REUNION 60 CLASS

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How many of you recognized your classmates in the March picture of the Middlebury Bicentennial Engagement Calendar? Left to right, **Betsy Cilley Goeke, Jan Otto, Hubert Leven**, and **Pug (Gail) Smith Bieger**. ✷ We received a program from The Women's Fund of New Hampshire's presentation of a Tribute to New Hampshire Women of the 20th Century and—you guessed it!—**Penny Pitou** was among those honored as "Olympic skier, business owner, and philanthropist." The program came from Anne Martin Hartmann '59, who attended the tribute. ✷ **Lars Carlson**, senior VP of administration for H.B. Fuller, has been appointed to oversee a global manufacturing council that will optimize the company's global adhesives manufacturing resources. ✷ Exploring the implications of the technological revolution prompted a new annual roundtable series, Bridges to the Emerging Digital Society, that kicked off at Bicentennial Hall on January 22-23. Taking part in some of the panel discussions was our own **Pieter Schiller**, who is a general partner with Advanced Technology Ventures. The College has a major new initiative to explore, define, and implement a new liberal arts education paradigm for a digital society. ✷ Send your news to **Jean Seeler** (address above), who is saving up news for our special reunion newsletter. See you at Midd in June!

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Jodey Lenfestey was joining the Class of '61 in Lech, Austria, for a week of skiing in February. ✷ **Janet Reed** (jsreed@iname.com) retired December 31, 1999, after 21 1/2 years at Continental Bank/Bank of America/"new" Bank of America. After surviving two bank mergers, she finally decided there was more to life than the stress in the workplace. Janet managed information services for 12 of her years at the bank, with responsibility for information centers in Chicago, San Francisco, New York, and Los Angeles. Since the NationsBank/Bank of America merger, she was manager of market data services in the Global Corporate and Investment Bank, providing information at the desktop for nontraders. Janet plans to remain in Chicago and looks forward to continuing to make art with beads, keeping up with the markets and technology via the Internet, and volunteering.

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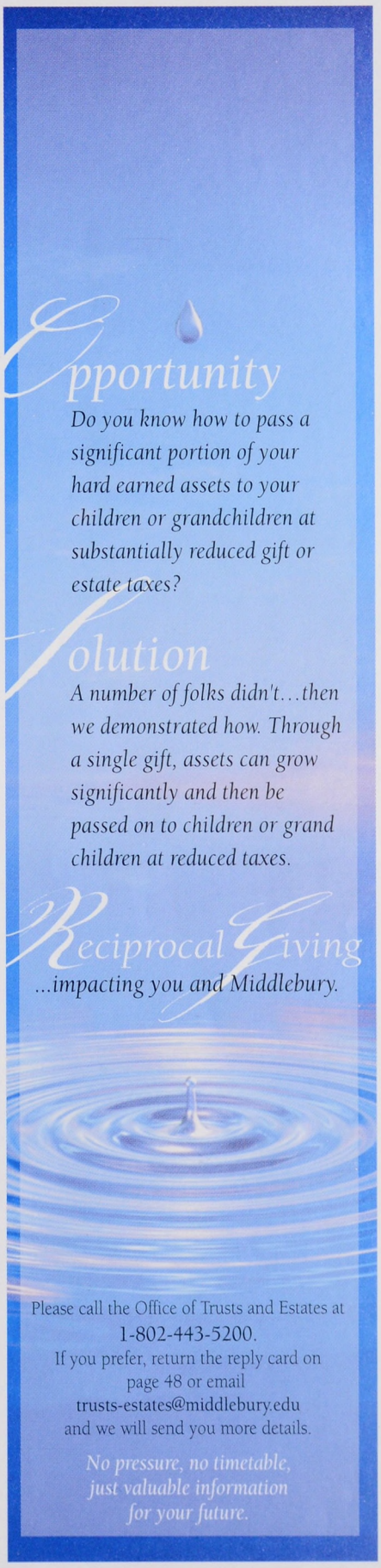
Secretary Roessët reports: **Lucy Beckley Cole** has continued with all her "causes" this year: promoting Libertarianism, registering people to vote, rehabilitating criminals, and trying to figure out how the VCR works. She's in her third year as executive director for Criminon West U.A., a criminal reha-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bilitation program. She and her husband bought themselves a little "second honeymoon" nest in FL and finished Part 1 of a big Scientology course. ✷ Sometime in 2000, **Judy Fawcett Beach**'s husband, Bill, will retire for the fourth (and she hopes the final) time and they will finally get to live in their new home in AZ. She looks forward to settling down, after three years in rental apartments with other people's furniture. ✷ When I (Boz) compiled this column in early January, **Jackie Ross** had been suffering from terminal abdominal cancer since July. She was in good spirits: "There is deep comfort in the thought and memories of experiences I have shared with you (all). Those times are in the fabric of my being. Having known you brings smiles to my heart as I continue on a sacred journey toward a path beyond this world. Being Grandma to Tanya (3) here at home offers the special blessing only a little one can present. My son, Ross, has spent a great deal of time with us and has found his own personal richness in marrying Lisa in October. On December 5, my daughter Gayle married Philip Vecere, a union that brings us all much happiness. There is real peace for me in knowing that my children have found loving relationships and their own support." ✷ After winning the Ralph Nading Hill, Jr., literary contest with her poem "Bear Fear," **Kathy McKinley Harris** bought a Mad River canoe and gear with the prize money. She and Everett have done some canoeing and have enjoyed seeing VT from a different perspective. They vacationed again on Campbello Island, a remote place with seals, whales, and birds. Kathy also received a grant for historical research and placed third with a poem in the *Comstock Review* contest. She continues to meet with two writing groups, one for poetry and one for children's literature. ✷ Brian and **Alice Couperus Gross** visited China in October and she says it was fabulous—just like the *National Geographic* in person. **Jan Timmons Abbott** was there in July with a Kent State Univ. tour. She still teaches ESL full time in the Essex Junction schools, mostly to Bosnians. What these Bosnians and her two Kosovars have been through makes her extremely grateful for everything we have. Jan's daughter is a stockbroker with a Turkish firm in Istanbul, another daughter lives in Neuchatel, Switzerland, and her son is a UVM student. ✷ In February '99, **Mattie Logan Bicknell** came out of retirement and started working 20 hours a week for an investment firm: "It is just enough and allows me time to play, do consulting work, travel, and learn." Then in the fall she made the difficult decision to let go of the cottage she had enjoyed since childhood. "It was too much for me to handle, so I put it up for sale. Moving to a home at Bristol Harbour Village, a small resort community on Canandaigua Lake, she will have room for the family to visit and lots of activities, including tennis and golf. (New address: 4 Spyglass Hill, Canandaigua, NY 14424.) She still enjoys being a Midd alumni admissions representative, serves on her village board, and is president of the Ontario County Youth Bureau Board. ✷ **David Schwartz** writes: "Dorothy and I have been living in Israel for the last 3 1/2 years, joined by our younger daughter who married an Israeli. Retirement from medicine has permitted me to do all the activities time constraints prevented in the past, such as university study (Bible in Hebrew) and music (viola–two orchestras and chamber music)." ✷ On March 7, **Michael Kulick** married Dr. Alexandra Flowers, a neuro-oncologist at Hartford Hospital. In August they purchased a house in West Hartford, where they are now comfortably settled. On November 30, Michael's son, David, and his wife, Kellie, presented him with his first grandchild, Emily Claire Kulick. Michael's daughter, Rachel, is a community outreach worker for the MA Health Partnership. Michael continues the practice of law in a two-man partnership, August and Kulick, in Avon, CT. "I have been concentrating in the areas of estate planning and probate, with a subspecialty of elder law as our clientele ages. I see Judge **Howard Scheinblum** from time to time. His wife, Judy, passed away in June. He continues to live in the condo complex from which I moved. I also see Bill French '61, who practices law in this area." The Kulicks plan to visit Middlebury in fall 2000: "Alexandra is looking forward to seeing the beautiful college I attended and talk about." ✷ **Bonnie Boyd Russ** was surprised to learn from a Christmas card that Phil '60 **and Eileen Glasoe Latreille** were in Paris and Beaune, France, last fall. Bonnie and Sherm '60 were also there and wish they had run into each other. The Latreilles have two granddaughters (son Stephen) and a new grandson (son Philip). Son Doug and his wife have been in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on business for two years, but they were "home for the holidays." Eileen and Phil divide their time between Menasha, WI, and Harbour Ridge in FL. ✷ Looking for a lifestyle change, Al '60 and **Jean Yeomans Lamson** are excited about plans to relocate from VA to the Portland, ME, area this year. Al's direct marketing consulting practice can easily make the move; Jean may transfer with United Airlines to Portland—or find something different to do. Daughter Kate was married last May and lives in FL; son Jim works for the government and lives in VA. ✷ **Gerry Stoner** reports: "I had always wanted to live and work in Vermont, but now we have the next best thing—my wife and I own a small typesetting company in rural upstate New York (northwestern Catskills). There is local skiing and a set of snowshoes on the wall, but this is our busy time so we can't get out as much as we want. Luckily, the snow is holding off until a more relaxed time. Summers are slower for the business so we have been building lean-to's for the necessities (tractor, mowers, and snow blower); a covered bridge to get across the creek (the shortest, single-span covered bridge in the world); and next year will see a cabin disguised as a rural railroad station suitable for camping out by kids, grandkids, and those allergic to animals!"

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Bill (Tunes) Temple (NewsBillT@aol.com) was busy planning a mini-reunion for the weekend of March 4. Convening near Charleston, SC, the classes of '61, '62, and '63 were all to be represented, at last report. Bill's description sounded very inviting: "We live in a resort 10 miles outside of Charleston called Wild Dunes on the Isle of Palms, which **Rick Apfel** introduced us to a few years back. He has a condo here on the beach. Our house is on the Intracoastal side of the island, where we keep our boat. There are two Tom Fazio golf courses, a couple of restaurants, and 16 tennis courts, some lighted. And then there's Charleston, with a mess of great restaurants and quaint scenery, and guides to tell you about the "war of northern aggression." We await his report. ✷ Congratulations and best wishes are in order for **Bennett Evans Greene** and Colleen J. Barker, who were married on December 29, in Essex, VT. Bennett (brier@surfglobal.net) reports: "The wedding was performed by my law partner, Howard J. Seaver, in his capacity as Acting Judge. My wife received her bachelor's in psychology from Trinity College of VT in Burlington, VT, and her master's in psychology and counseling from Leslie College in Cambridge, MA. Now employed by Franklin West Supervisory Union as a Substance Abuse Professional and Counselor, she is enrolled in the Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program at the University of Vermont. We are continuing to live in Essex, VT." ✷ We regret to report some sad news. **Paul Fava** died tragically on November 10, 1999. A memorial service was held on December 27 and **Craig Stewart** attended as a friend and classmate. Paul is survived by Gretchen, Scott (21), and Kelsey (19). They can be reached at 22525 S.E. 46th Place, Issaquah, WA 98029.

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Ron Reese's magnum opus *University Physics* is being published this spring by Brooks/Cole. A "full-color, calculus-based, introductory physics text," Ron (resser@wlu.edu) says it has "kept me off the ski slopes and rivers (and away from reunions) for 10 years. With his unforgettable Cheshire-cat-like grin, Ben Wissler's spirit may be smiling at the book, since the endeavor tries to follow his legendary path of rigor, clarity, and precision of expression—all with good humor. No calls from the networks (yet) about the book appearances (ha!), but it is on amazon. com. If any of my fellow physics majors care to sample it, I would welcome their feedback." ✷ **Eliot Levinson** (eliot@blegroup.com) is the new CEO of an Internet start-up called Learncity.com (www.learncity.com), providing instructional materials and professional development linked to accountability for the education space. He also still runs the education technology consulting firm, BLE group (www.blegroup.com), that he started a few years ago. For the millennium, he and wife Bryna planned to be in Panama for the turnover of the Panama Canal. "We had courted in Panama, and we think that the changeover will be fun as well as significant." ✷ **Linda Berry** (lberry@darkwing.uoregon.edu) will get her Master's of Architecture degree from the Univ. of OR in June. "This is something I wanted to do when I was at Middlebury, but haven't managed to do until now. I am having the time of my life. I'm at the head of my class, so you *can* teach an old dog new tricks! I am going through the same agony of senior year as an undergrad of deciding where to go when I graduate." ✷ Since 1992, **Jean Waller Brune** (brunej@rpcs.pvt.k12.md.us) has been serving as head of school at Roland Park Country School, an all-girls K-12 college preparatory school in Baltimore, MD. "Happily some of our students are currently attending Middlebury. Michelle Powell '96, a recent graduate of both Roland Park Country School and Middlebury, is teaching math and language arts in our lower school. It has been a great pleasure for us to have President McCardell speak on two different occasions to our U.S. history students, and we look forward to having him back another time. My daughter, Marion Brune Paterson '88, and her husband, Guy, live in Simsbury, CT. They have a 15-month-old daughter, so I am enjoying being a grandmother! I try to get up to visit them frequently, and I also get to Vermont (Newport on Lake

Memphramagog) at different times during the year. Middlebury reunions always occur at one of my busiest times of the year, so I have yet to get back for a reunion. Maybe I can really get there in 2004 for our 40th!" ✷ **Judy Powers Malloy** (jmalloy@artswire.org) sends news of the Gender Identity in New Media site (www.artswire.org/jmalloy/identity/panel.html). Hosted on Arts Wire and produced by Judy, Gender and Identity is an interactive document begun at the Invencao conference in Brazil last summer and created in conjunction with the forthcoming book *Women in New Media* (MIT Press, 2000; edited by Judy Malloy). This site was recognized for its innovative use of technology to improve business and society when it was named as a semifinalist in the Global Information Infrastructure (GII) Award. ✷ **Lawrence Dickie** has been elected VP of the Green Mountain Valley School board. He also serves as chair of the GMVS development committee and was a prime mover and supporter of efforts to open GMVS's European ski base at Kossen, Austria. Larry has made the Mad River Valley his second home for more than 30 years and his daughter, Ally, was a 1999 graduate of GMVS. ✷ **Joanne Pollastro Walen** (shaxpur@aol.com) retired in 1995, after 30 years with the Washoe County School District (Reno, NV): "That was all they deserved. I have been an independent language arts consultant since then, working for various school districts and McDougal Littell publishing, doing writing and reading workshops and Shakespeare. I run a week course every June in Stratford-upon-Avon for Shakespeare enthusiasts and one in August at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. I live in the winter in Mesa, AZ, but still call Reno home for seven months of the year. Both 30-something children are married, and we have three grandchildren. Life is good." ✷ **Ginny Swain** (virginia.e.swain@dartmouth.edu): "I'm still teaching French at Dartmouth and enjoying the opportunity to spend considerable time in France, including acting as lecturer on a couple of recent Dartmouth alumni cruises on the Rhone and the Seine. My husband and I have one granddaughter, Hannah Grace, who lives in Tucson. We've fixed up a cottage in Bristol, ME, and try to gather the family there as often as possible." ✷ **Robert Skiff** of South Burlington, VT, has joined the board of directors of Housing Vermont, a private, nonprofit developer of affordable housing. He also serves on the board of several business and civic organizations, including the Merchants Bank, Cynosure, the Intervale Foundation, and the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund. A previous president of Champlain College, Bob is a founder of the Vermont Commons School, a private high school in South Burlington. ✷ That's all folks. My best wishes for a healthy and happy new year and millennium.

REUNION 65 CLASS

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Were you at our 30th Reunion in 1995? All who attended had memorable visits with friends they had not seen for years. All enjoyed a nostalgic revisitation to the campus where we spent so many enjoyable and enriching days. **Bruce Gunther**, Class of '65 reunion social chair, hopes that you will set aside time in your busy life to join your classmates on June 2-4 for the 35th Reunion at Middlebury. ✷ **Anne Knowlton Farrell** (afarrjtpa@yahoo.com) says she "changed jobs to slow up a bit. Hasn't happened yet, but hope is still there! John and I spend a lot of miles traveling to Denver, where Marie and Jeb are married and working. Hope job eases so Reunion 2000 is a possibility!" ✷ It was good to hear from **Susan Pilchik Rosenbaum** (amagansue@aol.com), who was with us until 1963, when she transferred to the Univ of PA. Susan is an editor for the *East Hampton Star* in East Hampton, NY. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Jeffrey Alderman** on November 15 and send the condolences of the class to his family.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE VETERANS REUNION

June 2 – 4, 2000
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Carolyn Sharp Hamilton writes that she is now retired and into the "next phase of life in Punta Gorda, FL (499 Sorrento Ct.), midway between Sarasota and Fort Myers." ✷ We regret to report the January 28 death of **R. James Falconer, Jr.**, and send the condolences of the class to his family. James served in the first group of Peace Corps volunteers sent to Guyana in 1965 and served for the past 10 years as an administrative officer with the Agency for International Development. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Prof. John Elder (English and environmental studies) delivered the **Dana S. Brigham** Memorial Lecture on January 21 at the Concord Museum. Dana died from cancer on October 8, 1998. John Elder appeared as part of the annual lecture series entitled "Cultivating Self/Cultivating Nature—Emerson, Thoreau, and the Challenge of Today." Dana was very much in the "line" of Thoreau, both by being a Boston Brahmin himself and certainly a philosophical follower, so it was very appropriate that John Elder spoke about how authors like Thoreau and Frost have contributed to environmental vision and action. ✷ **Dort Cameron** is a member of the president's advisory council of the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, NY. ✷ Ascent Entertainment Group has elected **Don Elliman** president of its sports operations, including the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Pepsi Center arena. ✷ **Andy Avery** is playing what he calls "Timeless Music" (from '60s and '70s folk and pop to '40s and '50s standards) with a group called Normandy at the Equinox in Manchester, VT. He's the lead singer and plays acoustic guitar. ✷ The recipient of our Class of '67 scholarship spent last year in England and plans to continue with graduate school in psychology after graduating from Middlebury.

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Conrad Ambrette reports that son Brian is now a sophomore at Middlebury, and that his younger son, Eric, was accepted early decision (in December 1999) for the fall of 2000! ✷ **Sam Levin** reports that all is going well with his home appliance, heating, and air conditioning supply business, Blodgett Supply. The firm recently moved locally to a new location in the Burlington area. In addition, Blodgett recently acquired another firm with offices over in upstate New York. ✷ **North Shetter** reports that his dental practice is thriving there in Menominee, MI, at the upper end of Green Bay on the Upper Peninsula. He flies over the area frequently in his private plane, a Cessna 310. North and wife Jan again spent their annual work week in Jamaica, with other dentists, attending to the dental care of Caribbean islanders. They also traveled to South Africa for the wedding of a former exchange student, a young woman who attended our 15th Midd Reunion with them, back in 1983. ✷ **Frank Adshead** also has a thriving dental practice. His is in Falmouth, ME, a "suburb" of Portland. Frank and wife Gail are having a new sailboat built, a Saga 43. They plan to use it to participate again this year, as in the last few years, in multi-week cruises from the Bahamas to the Carolinas to Maine. ✷ **Joseph Wood** is the interim vice provost at George Mason Univ., where he is also a faculty member in the geography department. In December, he was a candidate for VP and provost of the Univ. of Maine. ✷ **Nancy Brooks Richardson** is participating again this year as an alumni interviewer of local students who have applied to Midd. She recommends this as a great way to contribute to the admissions process. But best of all, meeting some very interesting, accomplished, motivated teenagers is exciting and reassuring. In an era when we hear all too much bad press about the failure of public education, it is good to meet these students. She can't help being impressed by each and every student she interviews. If these are the young people to whom we are entrusting our future, we are in good hands, much better hands than the media would have us believe. Interviewing prospective students is a good way to keep in touch with your local schools, as well as the College. Contact your local alumni group if you would like to help out as an interviewer. ✷ We regret to report the death of Karen Nicewonger Weiss '69 on November 19, and extend the condolences of the class to her husband, **Eric Weiss**.

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Pam and Foster Osborne '73 hosted a Midd reception on Martha's Vineyard in August with Gael and Jim Worthington '59, Kit and Ross Cowan '50, Michelle Parchesky '94, Betsy and Craig Dripps P'99, Heidi Dripps '99, and Gene Strimling (Chinese School '89). Missing the photo: Polly Brown '66 and Gabby Jacquet '02.

Peter Reitsma has been working on an Italian textbook series for American high school students. ✷ **Ethel Emerson** and business partner Manfred Jachmich have three very successful restaurants winning awards in Houston, TX. Her busy schedule includes time for family, fly-fishing, roller-blading, and serving on the boards of numerous organizations. She was recently nominated for the Chef Humanitarian Award for outstanding community service. ✷ Congratulations to our own **Mary MacArthur Wendell** for attaining a seat on the Middlebury Board of Trustees! Daughter Eleanor is a member of the Class of 2002. ✷ We regret to report the death of **James R. Esmond** on November 10 and of **Karen Nicewonger Weiss** on November 19. Our sympathy is extended to their families. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. ✷ **Dan** and **Elinor Livingston Redmond** are off on new ventures. Elinor (eredmond@maine.rr.com) is teaching yoga for a second year. She and their church associate minister recently gave a course about increasing spirituality in daily life. Having retired early from one job, Dan immediately turned around to work at RM Davis, managing investments and "having a wonderful time learning new skills and applying his years of investment knowledge in a different way." ✷ Congratulations and best wishes to **Betsy Taylor** and Lindsay Freese, who were married on October 9. She writes: "Lindsay and I have bought a delightful little house on Highland Lake, Stoddard, NH. I am teaching in the applied psychology dept. at Antioch New England Graduate School, working as a senior staff therapist at Monadnock Area Psychotherapy and Spirituality Services, teaching Mindfulness Meditation Based Stress Reduction classes in Keene and Portsmouth, NH, and spending as much time out-of-doors as possible." ✷ Now that Y2K fears are behind us, please do send us *your* news! If you use our e-mail addresses, please indicate Midd class news (or something akin to that) in the subject line so that we don't automatically delete potentially viral messages from an unknown sender. Thank you.

REUNION 70 CLASS

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If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars—our 30th Reunion is June 2-4. We will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be together to celebrate Middlebury's Bicentennial, cheering our College on into its third century. Registration materials arrive in April. Please plan to be back at Midd for what promises to be an extraordinary experience.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@pronetisp.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@webserf.net), 333 Michigan St., Lawrence, KS 66044.*

Churchill Franklin was elected chair of the Middlebury College board of trustees, effective January 1. A tireless supporter of Middlebury, Churchill has been active as an admissions volunteer, class agent, and alumni career adviser. He organized the first off-campus phonathan fund-raiser for the College and was the founding president of the Boston MCAA. He also chairs the leadership gifts committee for the College's Bicentennial Campaign. Churchill and wife Janet (Halstead) '72 have three children: Lindsey (14), Katie (17), and Chip (19), who is a member of the Middlebury Class of 2002. We're sorry to report that Chip was involved in a skiing accident this winter and you will find more about that in the 1972 column. ✷ **Mary Rita Candon Manley** received a 1999 Outstanding Teacher Recognition Award from UVM in October. A middle school math teacher at the Dorset (VT) School, she has been involved in the State Mathematics Portfolio process and serves as the middle level math-benchmark network leader in the Manchester area. ✷ **Anne Kavcic** has a new address in Switzerland: Hofwiesstr. 14, CH-5422, Oberehrendingen. ✷ **Bill Heinrichs** (wheinrichs@juno.com) sent warm greetings to all, along with a brief 28-year update: "My wife, Sherry, and I live in Cheshire, CT. Son Jay and daughter Katie are grown. Kate's married and I have a grandson. Following a year of working in special education and three years selling real estate, I went to UConn Law School and then practiced for 10 years before becoming director of planning for New Haven's antipoverty agency, Community Action. Along the way, I became president of the New Haven Scholarship Fund, started a citywide track and field youth program, and served as academic coordinator for the Southern CT State Univ. women's varsity track and field team. In 1996, a proposal I wrote to the CT Department of Higher Education was funded; with others, I developed a college awareness and preparation program for students at James Hillhouse High School in New Haven. Last August I was appointed executive director of Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation of CT, a statewide organization whose mission is to expand opportunities for children of low income families to attend private and parochial schools. Today, there are 600 children receiving CEO scholarships and our plans are to raise the funds to reach another 1,200 in the next two years. Our offices are at Trinity College in Hartford, where I've run into Nancy Horton '70, working in the Trinity Internship Program office!" ✷ From Culver City, CA, **Jonathan (Jay) Glassman** writes that he had a blast learning many new skills in information technology (computers), budget and finance, and strategic planning for his department at L.A. County. He also joined the Arbitration Panel with the L.A. Superior Court and received excellent ratings from lawyers in cases where he served as arbitrator. He also took on a more significant "Mr. Mom" role while wife Laili visited her father in Indonesia. Third-grade son Jake (8) enjoys soccer, swimming, basketball, roller-blading, and ice skating. Preschool son Evan (3) is trying on soccer and swimming. Laili, who works for an information technology consulting firm, is involved with some Windows 2000 projects for Microsoft. ✷ At Lehigh Univ., **Art King** has been appointed senior associate dean for academic affairs of the College of Business and Economics. Art is a prof. of economics and also directs the annual Lehigh in Prague Summer Program, which he established in 1995. ✷ **Susan Fritsch Faber** (goknicks@wcto.net) is adapting to the role of single parent of a very active (and athletic) daughter (13). "I recently left the world of weekly newspapers, which I enjoyed for nine years, and have entered the world of corporate America. I am media relations team leader at Northeast Utilities in Berlin, CT, and join the army of cars and large trucks which commute on I-84 twice a day. I bought a condo in Southbury this past year and still enjoy this part of CT. I'm still in touch with **Cyndy Bronson Altman, Anne Lahey Kehl, Diana Egbers Fanning**, and **Helen Maxson** (by mail)." ✷ "Earlier this year," **Martha J. Goode** writes from Santa Monica, "I had a fairly hilarious reunion luncheon at Paramount with Dan Curry '68 and Farida Fotouhi '69. We reminisced about Farida's multimedia performance of *King Lear* at Middlebury in the 1960s, with Dan as Lear and me in a wheelchair, as Cordelia, I think. In February I flew up to Seattle to see **Mike Welebit** and **Sandy Farrier**. Spent a glorious day skiing with them on Crystal Mountain with intermittent (due to clouds) view of Mt. Rainier. Fabulous! I see Bernie Wesson '72 here in Santa Monica fairly often. I celebrated an unthinkably large-numbered birthday in New York in December, at a dinner prepared by none other than James Young '70 and Jamie Bowness '70. All in all, it's been a Middlebury kind of year."

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Chip Franklin '02, son of Churchill '71 and **Janet Halstead Franklin**, suffered a head injury and a broken shoulder in a skiing accident at Sugarbush in January. He was taken by ambulance to Fletcher Allen Medical Center in Burlington and later transferred to Spaulding Hospital in Boston. His long term prognosis is excellent, and he was able to enroll in one course at Midd this semester, while continuing to make a terrific recovery. Janet was staying with him in February at Earthworm Manor, where they have often stayed, up at Bread Loaf. The Franklins are very appreciative of all the care and love and support they have received during this frightening episode. ✷ "Mele Kalikimaka from Acton, MA!" was **Judy McCormack**'s 1999 Christmas greeting, having made the big move from Hawaii last August with son Ned (now 6-feet, 5.5-inches) and daughter Megan (5-feet, 6.5-inches). After visiting family and friends from CA to NY, they arrived in New England with 10 days to find a place to live before the kids started school. Now successfully settled in a townhouse ("so much roomier than apartments in Hawaii—there's even a basement I've transformed into a bedroom for me, the first I've had in seven years"), Judy is savoring being able to jump in the car and drive to New York, Maine, Vermont, wherever! "Another unexpected pleasure was to be able to drive to Haverhill, MA, to hear the piano concert of Diana Egbers Fanning '71 and see Emory. I'm not sure I

realized what we were missing being stuck on an island in the middle of the Pacific!" By Christmas, the kids were looking forward to their first experience of snow and Judy was job hunting. E-mail her at judymachon@aol.com. ✷ **Kathleen Page Willis** writes: "Daughter Brooke is a junior at Vanderbilt Univ., studying vocal performance. Daughter Sara is a freshman at Gettysburg. Fifth-grade son Jamie plays recorder, piano, trombone, violin—and baseball!" ✷ In his first bid for elected office, Republican **Jim Purnell** of Vernon, CT, breezed to victory in November to become judge of the Probate Court for the towns of Ellington and Vernon. With 18 years of experience in private practice, handling probate and real estate law, Jim campaigned on the need for full-time hours and Y2K compatible computers in the court. Son James runs his own landscape business and daughter Amy graduates from high school in 2000. Jim and wife Cheryl have become legal guardians for Patrick, who also graduates this spring. Jim continues "playing the organ as a substitute at area churches, bell ringing, and singing, as well as being a Scoutmaster. We also try to spend time at our home in Granville, VT, especially when there is skiing at Sugarbush or we need a break from the rest of the world." ✷ Good news from **Dyane Sunn Waldron**: eldest daughter Kimberly has been accepted to the Middlebury class of 2004! It's hard to believe that so many years have passed since our days on campus that our sons and daughters are now of college age! The Waldrons recently survived the building of an addition to their home in Rye, NY. Now working in human resources for Starwood Hotels, Greg is happy not to have the commute into the city anymore. The Starwood office is located in White Plains, an easy 10-minute drive from home. ✷ Leaving the New York rat race behind, **Debby Soule McIlrevey** and family have moved from NJ to Madison, CT, where they are winterizing their summer house. "It was definitely a lifestyle move for us. Hugh is still with Paine Webber, but in nearby New Haven. The short commute and more reasonable hours have improved our family life and his tennis game immeasurably! We all love living only a short block from Long Island Sound." Debby is enjoying part-time proofreading/editing, while helping a friend with a small business. Daughter Julia is a freshman at Westminster School in Simsbury. ✷ In this year of landmark birthdays, **Gavin Cullen** thinks he may have "the dubious distinction" of being the first of our class to turn 50 in 2000. (January 2 was the big day.) From Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX, he reports: "I received a telephone call from the Society of Those Over 50 and the message was 'Happy Birthday, you'll never have fun again for the rest of your life.' I don't believe that!" As proof, he was planning his next great adventure: attending a song writers' workshop, where the students work with Jimmy Messina for six days, then perform their compositions with him live on stage. (You'll be having fun for some time to come, Gavin!) He gave high marks to Frank and Kate Winkler's Alumni College fall class, The Origins of the Universe and the Development of Intelligent Life, where Gavin and **Dave Turner** were among the youngest alumni participants. "Great course," Gavin reports. "I spent six hours a day in class and the rest of the time relaxing and thinking as I wandered around Bread Loaf." He was "a new man" upon his return to work as general manager at TexCorr. He and Kate have two kids: Matt (2) and Emily (9), who is in her fifth season as a point guard. ✷ Numerical milestones were a theme in lots of holiday letters this year. **Betsy Coquillard White** and Dan celebrated their 25th anniversary "having too much fun" in New Orleans: "after living in politically correct California, it was refreshing to let the good times roll." ✷ **Mark** and **Sally Davidson Foster** plan to celebrate their half-centennials with a week in Tuscany, Italy, next fall. They can expect to find fabulous food in the Tuscan hill towns, according to **Denise Degutis Jernigan**, who also enjoyed the museums and churches of Venice and Florence on her own Italian journey last spring. ✷ I, your correspondent **Jennifer Hamlin Church**, will celebrate my 50th in considerably more mundane surroundings in southeast Michigan; but the occasion will be no less memorable as Tracy and I toast the marriage of our middle daughter (my stepdaughter). It's interesting being "co-mother of the bride"—but I'm sure I'm not the first to experience the "blended family" wedding-planning challenge!

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John Bell teaches theatre history, theory, and practice as an adjunct prof. at NYU and RI School of Design. John and wife Trudi Cohen are part of Great Small Works, a theatre collective they helped found five years ago. In collaboration with pianist Margaret Leng Tan, John is inventing a cabaret production about avant-garde artist Erik Satie. He's also writing a book about the puppet collection of the Detroit Institute of Art. He and Trudi will spend July with the Bread and Puppet Theater at Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany. Son Isaac (8) plans to be an artist and a chef. ✷ **Guy Kettlehack** (GuyBKett@aol.com) reports that after Quentin Crisp, his mentor, friend, and colleague, died last November, he was dubbed "some sort of Crisp expert;" his interview with *In the Life* was airing on PBS in February. A member of the planning committee for the March 3 memorial service at Cooper Union, Guy was speaking along with Ned Rorem, Tom Steele (past publisher of *The New York Native*) and Christopher Street, and others. "I'd always hoped one day to bring the great and brilliant man to Middlebury, but at nearly 91, he'd had enough of incarnate life and now I simply quote him at everybody." Guy's books have ranged from his latest Hazelden recovery book *Vastly More than That*, to Jennifer O'Neill's autobiography (remember *Summer of '42?*) *Surviving Myself*, and a book on children's emotional problems with Dr. Henry Paul, *Parents Make the Best Shrinks*, to his current work on an alternative therapy for breast cancer and a book about angels by an L.A. psychic. Guy is boxing "for exercise and thrills," still playing fiddle with the Broadway Bach Ensemble, dealing with octogenarian parents, and hatching all sorts of new projects, which he hopes to loose upon the world "sometime soon during this bewildering new millennium." ✷ **Peter Goodwin** was planning a sabbatical to the Moab area in April, the Grand Canyon in May, then the West Coast up to the Glacier Park area in June/July. A geology teacher, Peter will be studying, while enjoying the country with his wife and two kids—who are upset (NOT) that they won't get to go to school in April/May/June. ✷ **Sallie Sprague** is actively looking for work that will bring her back to New England. ✷ This May, Harcourt Brace is publishing **Robin Cruise**'s second novel for kids, *Fiona's Private Pages*, a sequel to *The Top-Secret Journal Of Fiona Claire Jardin* (see winter 1998 *Midd Magazine*, page 8). Both books were edited by Harcourt col-

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league Allyn Johnston '84. The second book is a paean of sorts to friendship; in writing it, Robin says she was reminded how fortunate she has been in terms of enduring friendships that date back to the early '70s at Middlebury. "These days, my life is pretty much dominated by the hormones of three teenagers. Former husband **Dick Bayer** and I were hoping our oldest son, Andrew, would consider applying to the class of 2004 at Middlebury, but no way—lousy surf reports from Vermont. Maybe there's hope for Henry in the class of '06, or Hannah '09." ✷ **Sue Karl**'s husband, Steve Teller, designs innovative ways to locate sources of underground toxic spills and clean them up in the frozen north. Sue focuses on where (near the equator, it turns out) various parts of southeastern Alaska were 300-600 million years ago, what happened 600 and 200 million years ago to produce outstanding lead-zinc-silver mines, and what happened 50 million years ago when an oceanic spreading ridge was subducted under Baranof Island. Their kids are blossoming in school, music, and sports—especially soccer and ice hockey. There was a dearth of snow in late 1999: "fast young dogs and rocky trails made for wild sled rides." For New Year's Eve, Sue and family took sleeping bags and joined friends for a bonfire and fireworks by Lake Eklutna, a huge lake blown free of snow before heavy rains over Christmas, and heavily iced by subzero weather which left it "perfectly zammed for our immense enjoyment." ✷ Tom '70 and **Julie Witt Reis** will be in Middlebury in June for Tom's 30th reunion. They can't wait! ✷ Last October, **Bob Dean** and **Jay Aronson** met in North Hampton for a wonderful visit over lunch. "North Hampton being a college town was very appropriate for meeting a college buddy!" Bob was recently promoted to VP of R&D for PADs Software, which will mean many more visits to MA! ✷ Amadeus Orchestra conductor **Tim Rowe** was chosen Citizen of the Week recently in Great Falls, VA. Tim founded the Amadeus Concerts in 1981, the Amadeus Orchestra in 1983, and the Potomac Theatre Orchestra in 1996. ✷ **Ann Fox Gulbransen** was thrilled when the Y2K craziness was past. Her job is split between Information Systems and the Center for Community Health, so she spent lots of time last year swapping out noncompliant hardware and software. She now supports 18 of MetroHealth's off-campus sites and is trying to juggle two offices, "though I think my real office is parked in the garage!" She and husband Marty still do a lot of birding, with Thanksgiving week at the Festival of the Cranes at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in NM and later a long weekend on the northern peninsula of MI. Ann is also researching her family genealogy. They have a small personal Web page (www.gulbangi.home.sprynet.com), mostly for sharing photographs with friends and family. ✷ In Belize, **Cully Erdman** runs a resort and water-sports center on a private island 40 miles offshore. (Check it out at www.slickrock.com.) "Life on an island in the Caribbean isn't all that bad, and as the owner, I'm in charge of the R&D department, so I spend a lot of time sea kayaking, scuba diving, windsurfing, kayak surfing, and river running (on the mainland). We have taken two years to recover and rebuild from Hurricane Mitch, which passed within 200 miles of our island; although we didn't get the high winds, with a top elevation of six feet, you can imagine what damage the 25-foot waves caused! But everything is now going fine and business is booming." Cully still bases out of Moab, UT, skis a lot, and takes off in the summer for excursions to ID and OR to pursue kayaking and windsurfing. His goal is to spend as little time in the office as possible!

Lisa Hansen Burditt '78 and Susan Patterson Nichols '78 in New Hampshire, 25 years after meeting as Midd roommates in 1974.

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"Stepping out of our thatched hut, we see stars glistening brightly in the dark sky. Throbbing, hypnotic drumming fills the air, and swirling dancers surround us. Men, women, and children sing to their ancestors, promising to respect traditional ways. This is Millennium Eve in Muzarabani, Zimbabwe." So begins an article in London's *Observer* on January 2, filed by Harare corespondent **Sandy Meldrum**. Sandy (meldrum@icon.co.zw) and wife Dolores spent New Year's in a drought-stricken area with the Mhene family, "rural Africans who live very much as their ancestors lived hundreds of years ago. No electricity, no running water, very little cash, and no worries about technological failures from the Millennium Bug." (Sandy's experience that night compensated for some serious kidney stone problems he suffered for a few days around Christmas.) ✷ During our reunion last May, **Geoff Smith** (grsmith@ggu.edu) and **Crystal Dornhoefer Gromer** (cgromer@fastpointcom.com) were talking about making a big change in their lives, and they actually did it! In October, they moved to San Francisco. Although they do miss VT (where Crystal still owns a house and horse), they have fallen in love with San Francisco, a city which is "exciting and lively and fun—also beautiful, and certainly eclectic." Geoff is the VP for enrollment services at Golden Gate Univ., while Crystal is "a full-time writer—or I will be once the various electricians, plumbers, carpenters, and floor finishers working on our house are done with hammering, drilling, sanding. We bought a 1907 arts-and-crafts style house in a great neighborhood; we're half a block from Buena Vista Park, not far from Golden Gate Park. On clear days we can see the towers of the Golden Gate Bridge, the bay, the Marin headlands from the bedroom window, a bit of the Pacific from the living room." ✷ Also moving to California, **Roger Bowman** (roger.bowman@saic.com) headed to San Diego in August, with wife Candy and son Sam (10). Roger still works for SAIC, applying geophysics to the monitoring of nuclear test-ban treaties. Although he misses the vibrancy of the political and international scene in DC, San Diego "suits our tastes and lifestyle better than the mid-Atlantic did. We're taking advantage of living two miles from the beach, a variety of road and mountain biking opportunities, and sunny skies day after day. We're waiting for visitors!" ✷ More from the California scene: **Dan Flanagan** used the occasion of his 47th birthday last October to invite friends from all over the country to join him for a weekend of fun and celebration at the Headlands Institute, just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. Classmates attending included **Jeff Schutz, Charlotte Caldwell, Greg Dennis**, and **Ross Eisenbrey** (who flew out from DC with daughter Rebecca, who made fast friends with Dan's daughter, Zoe). The Headlands Institute is part of Yosemite National Institute, of which Dan is chief operating officer. ✷ **Stephanie Palmer** (nycmissionsoc@mindspring.com) writes: "I am sorry I was unable to attend our 25th reunion. I applaud the organizers and want them to know that I enjoyed reading about the lives of friends from so long ago. Has it really been 25 years? I have been living in Manhattan and Harlem for 22 years. I'm the executive director for New York City Mission Society (105 E. 22nd St., 10010), the oldest social service organization in NYC. This certainly appeals to my love of history, a love born and nurtured at Middlebury. Over the past few years I have divided my time between advancing the mission of this special organization, which is 'to increase the self-sufficiency of children and families challenged by poverty,' and raising my son, Matthew Palmer Bowman, who began his college career last fall. Please send along a special hello and thank you to **Mildred Reese McNeill**." ✷ **Philip Verre**, director of the Hudson River Museum (Yonkers, NY), recently lectured on the restoration of the Glenview Mansion, built in 1876 for Wall Street financier John Bond Trevor. It featured an exhibition on the Hudson River School of landscape painting. ✷ **Christine Fraioli** has designed a new, long-term installation at Middlebury's Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History. The exhibit was developed to introduce visitors to major chapters and themes in Addison County history. ✷ The Class of 1974 was well represented on campus in January when the College launched a new exploration of the implications of the technological revolution. Participating in a series of panel discussions at Bicentennial Hall were **Jeffrey Schutz** (partner, The Centennial Funds), **Ann Williams Jackson** (group publisher, *InStyle* and *Real Simple* magazines), and **Margery Weil Mayer** (executive VP, Scholastic.com). ✷ **Lauren Singer Waite**'s daughter, Hillary, has been accepted at Middlebury for next fall, but will defer admission a year to participate in a Rotary program. ✷ And speaking of college and children, **Chuck** and **Diane Dellamano Brakeley**'s daughter, Jess, graduates from Brown in May. Their son, Dan, has transferred from Dartmouth to DigiPen Institute of Technology in Redmond, WA. ✷ From Jackson, WY, **Joan Lapham Lawrence** writes that she and husband Paul had a fabulous trip hiking through the Pyrenees in September. They "walked 260 miles through gorgeous country: very high peaks, lots of water, cows and sheep with bells on their necks everywhere." Daughter Alexis is in Norway on a Rotary scholarship, awaiting word from various colleges, including Middlebury. Son Jake (13) is very into snowboarding. He even appeared in the Patagonia Kids catalogue last fall, riding his board!

REUNION 75 CLASS

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The new Commissioner of Education for the State of Vermont is **David Wolk**. So many people wanted to attend his swearing-in that the ceremony was moved from a small Senate chamber to the large House of Representatives. A crowd of 300 gave him a standing ovation after his speech. David served as policy chief for Gov. Howard Dean in 1992, but resigned to become the principal of Rutland High School and director of the Snelling Technical Center in 1993, then was named superintendent of the Rutland City School System in 1995. The commissioner's position was filled in the late '80s and early '90s by Richard Mills '66. ✷ **Lisa Phillips** is the new director of the New Museum of Contemporary Art in NYC. In her 23-year tenure at the Whitney Museum of American Art, Lisa worked on many exciting exhibitions, including six of the museum's celebrated biennials. The year of research she did for Part II of "The American Century: Art & Culture 1900-2000" was one of her most memorable years. "I got to reread things I'd read as an art history student at Middlebury College. And most exciting of all, I was dealing with a half century that I've lived through." The exhibition closed on February 13. ✷ The September 26 *New York Times* informs us that **Eve Ensler**'s "career is on a roll, with one play recently staged, three other works being produced in the next six months, a new book, and a budding professional relationship with Hillary Rodham Clinton." Eve, whose early career was covered in the spring 1997 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, brought her *Vagina Monologues* to the campus again in February. ✷ **Kevin Donahue** is co-owner of Quabaug, a MA firm which manufactures and distributes Vibram shoe and boot soles. He's also board chair of NEOS Performance Overshoes, the high-tech galoshes company that was purchased by Quabaug last summer. ✷ **Deborah Thomas** is the new assistant to the president and associate secretary of the university at Yale. She's assisting in the planning of events and programs for Yale's tercentennial celebration and working on special projects, while continuing as a lecturer in American studies. She was formerly associate dean for the graduate school, and she was a member of the Yale Corporation Fact-Finding Team to South Africa. ✷ **David Perlman** is making plans to attend the 25th. He has three children, Sophia (9 1/2) and twin boys, Morgan and Jonathan (3 this February). Wife Rachel is a bond broker, so they have more than a full schedule. Dave recently joined Bochetto & Lentz in Philadelphia as a commercial litigator. He pursues his interest in writing by publishing occasional articles on law-related subjects. He continues to vacation in VT and goes hiking, canoeing, and telemark skiing when he can. He's bringing Middlebury to Philadelphia by sponsoring a sophomore as a January intern at his law firm.

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Tom Ernst is about to finish a book, to be published by Cambridge University Press, on the theory of the syntax of adverbials in human language. "In principle," he reports, "the theory is "applicable to all languages of the world." ✷ As for the rest of you, send us a few of *your* theories!

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Hope all of you are settling into a healthy and rewarding new millennium and have made a New Year's resolution to keep in touch with Middlebury classmates as our 25th Reunion looms on the 2002 horizon. ✷ **Jack Gill** recently edited *A Soldier for Napoleon: The Campaigns of Lieutenant Franz Joseph Hausmann, 7th Bavarian Infantry*. The book presents previously unpublished letters and diaries of a young Bavarian officer who served under Napoleon's banners for eight years. Jack has also contributed chapters to several other books about Napoleon. ✷ **Sue Finney Blair**, who recently joined Toastmasters to hone her public speaking skills, is now a professional motivational speaker in addition to her full-time job and part-time aerobics teaching. ✷ **Claire Hibbard Akey** and her family have moved into a new home in Bradenton, FL. ✷ **Ron Gauthier** (rjg@salemfive.com): "On November 15, I started a new job as a real estate lender with Salem Five in Salem, MA. The head of the lending group is a staunch Norwich alumni, so we have a lot of 'discussions' about current sports. My wife, Laurie, sons Andrew (5) and Jonathan (2), and I have settled in at our new home in Hamilton, MA. Andrew started kindergarten this fall and actually attends the same elementary school that I attended. Could this mean that he is on the path to Middlebury, class of 2016?" ✷ **Karen Stolley** participated in a panel discussion, moderated by Olin Robison, at the Bicentennial Symposium on International Affairs last November. An assistant prof. at Emory Univ., Karen is also director of graduate studies in the Spanish dept. She and husband David Littlefield '79 live in Atlanta. Karen has published a book and many articles about Spanish and Latin-American literature. ✷ **Tom Martyn** has been appointed manager of financial systems at Pieciak & Co. in Brattleboro, VT, where he lives with wife **Ellen Fairchild Martyn** and children Peter (7) and Emily (5). ✷ Living in Berlin, Germany, since 1993, **Tim Denney** is busy with a new family—including twins—and his real estate investment work. Tim's family participated in the Middlebury Bicentennial celebrations by summiting the mountain behind their house near Salzburg, Austria. Tim also reports that **Sally Nestler O'Neill** is happily living in NJ and that **Kathy Ruddock Oldenburg** is still enjoying life in FL.

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Anne Groton e-mailed us from NYC with the following happy news: "My husband Chris (Jacobs) and I have adopted a baby boy from Seoul, Korea. We went to Korea with our son, Chester (4), for a week in September, and returned with our new family member. Born March 19, 1999, his name is William (a.k.a. Bill) Hyuk Jacobs. He's a happy, sweet baby, and we're quite pleased." ✷ In Stamford, CT, **Peter Bostwick** has been promoted to a managing director at Marsh, Inc., the insurance services arm of Marsh & McLennan Cos. ✷ **Virginia Hinrichs McMichael** was a candidate for the board of supervisors in Malvern, PA. ✷ **Clark Hinsdale** of Charlotte, VT, was reelected to his seventh term as president of the Vermont Farm Bureau. Under his leadership, the 14-county organization has grown to over 4,500 member families in VT. ✷ Secretary Mike Abend keeps running into classmates on the soccer field! In this case, it's **Don Siegrist**, who lives in Harvard, MA, with his family and plays in the same indoor (over-40) league. ✷ **Phyllis Wendell Mackey** is living on the coast of southern Maine with her family. She and husband Mike are in temporary quarters in Hampton Beach, NH, while they rebuild an ocean-front summer place into their permanent, four-season home. Phyl says this is going to be their *last* move and is thrilled to be back in New England.

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This space is reserved exclusively for *your* news, so please take a minute to keep in contact at the above addresses. Or send news directly to the College at MiddMag@Middlebury.edu. The MacKennas welcomed the new millennium with a trip to Bali and India. Where were you?

REUNION 80 CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

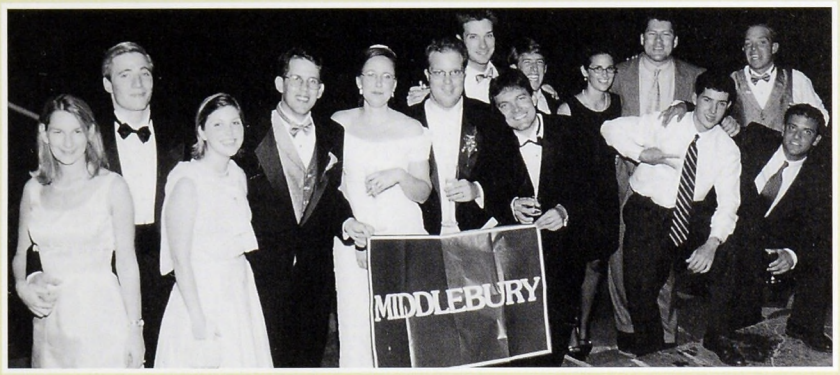
Best wishes to **Barbara Banks** and Charles Altekruse, who were married on November 27 in Chappaqua, NY. Barbara is the marketing director and manager of new trip development for Wilderness Travel in Berkeley, CA. Barbara directed/edited/wrote a documentary film, *Tibet in Exile*. An independent community development consultant in Berkeley, Charles was a member of the U.S. rowing teams in the 1980 and 1988 Olympic Games. ✷ **Elizabeth Carey Butera** was recently inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Liz was a three-time state high school cross-country champ at Rumford High and twice earned Div. I national titles at Midd. She was a member of the U.S. Ski Team from 1976 to 1980. ✷ **Peter J. Gardner** has joined the Hanover, NH, law firm of Stebbins, Bradley, Wood & Harvey. Peter lives in Hanover with wife Victoire and their children, Evan, Emma, Nadya, and Parker. ✷ **Dan Schulman** was on campus in January to be a panel member for a new annual roundtable series, Bridges to the Emerging Digital Society, at Bicentennial Hall. Dan is president and COO of Priceline.com, an on-line company that lets consumers name their price for airline tickets, hotels, and other services. As the former president of AT&T's consumer division, Dan helped build AT&T WorldNet into a top Internet service provider. ✷ **Joe Kinnealey** has been living in Cohasset, MA, for seven years, with wife Andrea and twins Alex and Eliza (7). "We are looking forward to attending the 20th Reunion in June. Hope to see you *all* there!" ✷ With June just around the corner, Reunion Weekend '00 is coming up fast! Remember the dates, June 2-4. The 20th promises to be even better than the 15th was five years ago. If you haven't already done so, check out the class Web site at http://www.middlebury.edu/~alumni/Reunion2000/1980.html. See you in June.

WEDDINGS

▲Tammy Young '90 and Marc Cote were married on August 14 in Marlborough, MA. Midd friends celebrating with them included Doug '89 and Annette Madden Kline '90, Jen Kelley '90, Paul '90 and Amy Carmola Hauf '90, Jen Heck '90, Dave and Lisa Bozarth Thomas '90, and Lora and Ben Monachino '90. The newlyweds live in Lexington, and Tammy is a project manager at Basis Technology in Cambridge.

▲ In Hope Valley, CA, the Class of 1982 was well represented at the wedding celebration of Susan Carroll and John "RF" Hake '82. With them on August 21 were (front) Steve Burton, Keith McCurdy, John Vergara, (back), Caleb Rick, Greg Murphy, Peter Campbell, Kris Hanson, Lisa Kissinger Kaplan, the newlyweds, Alison McGhee, Stu Richards, Dave Richardson, John "Doc" Lafferty, and Paul Brumbaum.

▶ The marriage of Millie Dayton '95 and Eric Levine '95 was cause for celebration at the Wang Center in Boston on August 14. Midd friends included (seated) Clay Blanchard '95, Phelps Morris '95, Nicole Greco '95, Dave Nalchajian '95, Loralie Rackleff '95, Lesley Tucker '95, Jessica Angell '96, (standing) Thomas Zwick '95, Tim Campion '95, Lynn Webster Nalchajian '64, Caroline Fennessy '95, Taylor Kirkpatrick '95, Diana Gregory '95, the newlyweds, Carrie Foster '95, Will Nalchajian '65, Meredith Frinsko '95, and Charlotte Forbes '95.



▲The August marriage of Cheri Hennessy and Sandy Durst '94 brought together Dara Webster, Greg Boosin '94, Andress Beck '98, Stephen Pettibone '94, the newlyweds, Andy Roebuck '95, Jeff Herriott '94, Steve Reale '94, Josh Kucker '94, Aaron Baggish '97, Rick Durst '97, and Laki Rousou '97. Sandy graduated from DePaul Univ. College of Law in June, sat for the NJ Bar Exam in July, and joined the law firm of Stark & Stark in Princeton, NJ, in September.

▲ The August 1 marriage of Jen Kuli '96 and Mark Feldman '94 took place in Castine, ME, where they celebrated with (back) Sarah Chick Kuli '92, Geoff Kuli '93, D.D. Taylor-Garcia '98, (front) Josh Kucker '94, the newlyweds, Carlos Brown '96, and Terri Elofson '96. Jen is teaching middle school writing and theatre at Carolina Friends School in Durham, NC.

◀ The Middlebury turnout in Baltimore for the September 4 marriage of Jennifer St.Clair '94 and Matt Waddell '95 included (front) Kate Walsh '94, Sarah Johnson '94; (second row) Chris Waddell '91, the newlyweds, Jeff David '94, Paolo Costa '94, (third row) Laffy Taylor '94, Lara Rosenbaum '00, Stacy Metcalf '94, Megan Martin Maguire '94, Amanda Stine '94, Ashley Essex Thayer '94, Jenifer Foss Smyth '94, Amy Spears Lavin '94, (fourth row) Elise Worden '96, Lloyd Taylor '95, Jimmy Doulos '94, David Hooper '94, Matt Gorra '94, David Collard '94, Steve Halloran '94, and Jack Thayer '93.

◀ Gathering in Vail for the September 5 marriage of Heather Dorf '94 and Michael Rawlings were Kate Briscoe '94, Mary Robertson '94, Ted Leach '92, Erik Dorf '92, Bob Dorf '65, David Jensen '65, the newlyweds, Chuck Gately '62, Carol Anderson Matthews '68, Mart Matthews '66, Kristi Matthews '94, Melissa McClure '94, Jen Crow '94, and Gabe Dee '94.

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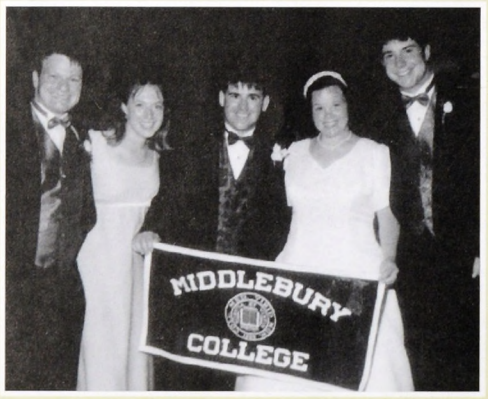
▶ Middlebury friends gathered on May 29 for the marriage of Andrea Zlotucha '95 and Christopher Kozub: (seated) Gini Baker '95, Yoko Nakao '95, Allison Wong '95, (standing) Lindsey S. Holmes Solorzano '95, Cynthia Bass '95, Nicole Misarti '95, the newlyweds, Greg Friberg '95, Alex Richman '95, and the bride's mother, Diane Alberts (M.A. English '97).

◀ Gathering at St. Clements Castle in Portland, CT, to celebrate the May 22 marriage of Laura Gworek '86 and John King were (all '86 except where indicated) Bill Leeson, Heather Karlson '87, Cathy Perillo Huggins, Elizabeth Thompson Serlemitsos, Lisa Eddy Donnelly, Debbie Vehse Lund, the newlyweds, Christine Langlois Herrick, Jenni Lawrence Horan, Melissa Marquardt, Kristin Roberts Asbury, Mary Sue Holland-Dehn, Karen Belinski '87. Also toasting the couple, but not pictured: the groom's brother, Mackenzie King '89, and Lewis '62 and Judith Cooper Parker '64. Now living near Sacramento, CA, Laura is a speech language pathologist, and John is a sales manager for Honeywell.

▼ When Suzan Parker '90 and Tim Twombly exchanged vows on October 18, 1998, in Marblehead, MA, they celebrated with Class of '90 friends (front) Mimi Gottesfeld, Val Van Vleck, (standing) Audrey Pritchard, Leanne Potvin Fesenmeyer, the newlyweds, and Jessika Nugent Welch. Annie Janeway-Allare missed the photo. Suzan (stwombly@previsionmarketing.com) is a senior account manager at Prevision Marketing.



▲ Chris Brestle '99 and Bronwyn Wenger '99 were married in Oregon on July 31, when they celebrated with Brian Harrison '99, Amari Parker '00, (the newlyweds), and Jared Bartok '99. Now living in Redondo Beach, CA, Bronwyn teaches fourth grade, and Chris works in business planning for the Disneyland Resort.

◀ Nancy Caulfield '88 and Paul Bottino '87 were married on September 11. Celebrating with them at the Inn at South Newfane in southern VT were (front) Chris Hopkins '87, Brian Smith '87, Suzie Reider '87, the newlyweds, John DeVine '87, Margie McDonald Devine '88, Ellen Sheffield '87, John Castle '87, Joe Ganley '87 (second row) Scott Langerman '87, Darren Hamilton '87, Cici Mulder '87 (third row) Sean Dunphy '87, Chris Casey '87, Dominic Napolitano '87, Julie Chapin Bassi '88, John Bassi '88, Alan Smiley '87, (fourth row) Cam McClearn '87, Tom Cangiano '87, Paul Davis '87, Scott Meredith '87, Heather Nelson Kent '88, Beth Canavan Mulhern '88, Jill Horwitz '88, Dana Cronin '91, Janelle Moburg Leonard '89, Karin von Estorff Sullivan '89, Lowrey Sullivan '90, (fifth row) Liam Patterson '87, Richard Toran '87, Mark Schille '87, Jay Leonard '90, Todd Himstead '88, Erik Nilsson '88, Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson '90, Marnie Cunningham Terhune '88, Kerry Yeager Stevens '88, Steve Paterniti '87, and Anne Marie Dowd '87. Pam Frederick '88 missed the photo. The newlyweds live in Boston.

▶ The Middlebury crowd celebrating the June 28, 1998, marriage of Lyn Lipscomb '95 and Michael Berkley '95 included (front) Dan Haley '95, Tim Rummel '95, Jeff Albertson '95, Jason Hann-Deschaine '95, Doug Rogers '95, Chris Whiteley '95, (standing) Jen Hann-Deschaine '95, April Paris Joseph '94, Anthony Joseph '94, Jen Hazen '95, Ann Rowe Hill (M.A. French '66) standing behind the newlyweds, Ellen Lindquist '93, Sean Kerwin '95, Meredith Hinkley '95, Christine Jacobs '97, and Allison Wong '95.

▲ Celebrating the September 5 marriage of Aerie Treska '95 (M.A. English '99) and Chris Pierce in Lake Placid, NY, were (front row) Sarah Maroun '95, Claire Calvin '95, Sara Whalen Shifrin (M.A. English '99) the newlyweds, Shannon McCreery (M.A. English '99), Allison Cohen '95, Michael Treska '68, (back row) Hugh Coyle '83 (School of English '91-'92), Todd Sumner (M.A. English '97), Edward Brown '83, Andy Gardner '95, Jon Herman '95, and Peter Treska '66.

▲The May 30, 1999, marriage of Janet Phelps '92 and John Heywood '92, took place at the Arts Club of Washington in DC, where they celebrated with (front) Ana Suarez '92, Malia Richmond Hirschmann '94, (standing) Sheilah Kane '92, Peter Hirschmann '92, Joel Abramson '92, the newlyweds, Rachel Cononi '92, Frank Tracy '58, and Todd Richman '92. While living in DC, John is a consultant with Kaiser Associates in Vienna, VA, and Janet is an analyst at the Pentagon.

At 11,000 feet in the Rockies: Casey and Tara McMenamy Sheahan '82, with Carol Porter Donahue '76 and Kevin Donahue '75.

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Stephen Burke (burke@packetvideo.com) is using his extensive experience in telecommunications as PacketVideo Corporation's new chief business officer. PacketVideo was the first company to publicly demonstrate live, streaming video over a digital wireless network to palm-size and handheld PCs. He was most recently VP for Sony's visual communication products group in San Diego. Stephen and wife **Cynthia Murphy** have two sons, Evan and Liam. ✷ **Jennifer Kramer** of Brattleboro, VT, is pursuing her master's in education at Antioch New England Graduate School, with a concentration in elementary/early childhood integrated learning. Jennifer is a board member of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and a former board member of KidsPLAYce.

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Greetings and a belated Happy New Year! We hope that everyone made it safely through Y2K and that 2000 is rolling out just as you hoped. As you hit milestones (aren't most of us turning 40 this year?) or have other news to share, please make sure you include us in the correspondence. ✷ Some '82er New Year's resolutions must have included sending in a Midd update, as we heard from classmates who hadn't written since graduation. **Peter Sallerson** reports that he has lived in NYC since finishing graduate school in 1986, and he has been at Bear Stearns in the structured finance department since 1993. "The one difficulty I have is that three of the people who work for me are Williams grads and we keep on having disagreements on the relative quality of the various schools and sports teams." Apparently this year's Midd football loss to Williams didn't help Pete's argument. ✷ **Liz Cascella Auran** (lizaur@aol.com) writes: "I'm living in NYC with my husband of 17 years and our twin girls. Daughter Emily's second-grade teacher at the Brearley School is Kelly McKeown, a Midd '96 graduate, who is simply wonderful." Liz and her family celebrated the Millennium New Year in Vermont. ✷ **Jane Oski** (janeoski@aol.com) and husband Steve Moul are both pediatricians—"so we totally torture our now 20-month-old son, Jacob." As a pediatrician on the Navajo reservation in northeastern AZ (60 miles from the south rim of the Grand Canyon), Jane spends half her time practicing clinical medicine and half with several research projects through Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. "Our part of the country is spectacular—high desert, pine mountains, and just three hours from excellent skiing in southwest Colorado. I'd love to hear from classmates and have recently been in touch with **Eric Rubel, Ruth Oxenberg**, and **Mima Mason Tipper**." ✷ On a recent business trip to Singapore and Bali, **Mary Beth Litster Cockerham** encountered a bit of Middlebury halfway around the world, when she encountered a man on the beach wearing a Dog Team Tavern T-shirt. "I almost didn't mention it, figuring it couldn't be from the perennial Parents' Weekend restaurant 12,000 miles away. However, I decided to speak up, and sure enough, he had been to the VT Dog Team several times. We spent the next 10 minutes reminiscing about the sticky buns and relish wheel. What a small world." ✷ **James Gibney** and **Jeffrey Legro** were both on campus last November participating in a panel discussion for the Bicentennial Symposium on International Affairs. Now the managing editor of *Foreign Policy*, published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Jim was in the foreign service from 1989 to 1997; he has also been a speech writer for President Clinton, former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and others. Jeff is an assoc. prof. of government and foreign affairs at the University of VA. He has written widely about military and security issues, and his book *Cooperation Under Fire: Anglo-German Restraint During World War II* appeared in 1995. ✷ We hope you all saw the profile of the "unstoppable" **Dani Shaw Virtue** in the Winter 2000 report on the Bicentennial Campaign. Dani and husband **Ted Virtue** have three sons and one daughter, yet Dani finds time in her busy schedule to serve as co-chair of the Metropolitan Region (NY) for the Bicentennial Campaign. ✷ Many of you have asked about alumni events in your areas. One of the best sources for this information is Middlebury's Web site, www.middlebury.edu/alumni.html. In addition to local events, the site lists the regional points of contact, provides information on reunions, and allows alumni to update their contact information on-line. We're on-line, too (e-mail addresses listed above), and we also welcome news the USPS way. Please drop us a line and share your latest achievements with us.

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Timothy Cook (tgcookmd@yahoo.com or armydoc@aol.com) is certain it is written somewhere that it's a good idea to write your alma mater at least once a millennium, and files the following report: "For several years I have been gainfully employed as a family practice physician in the U.S. Medical Corps. Currently, I am supporting the NATO/KFOR Peacekeeping Mission as the staff medical officer at Camp Able Sentry on the Kosovo border in Macedonia. My time here has been a challenging and rewarding experience, but also a very disturbing one, due to the degree to which children have been involved in the violence here. If for no other reason than this, I hope that we as a nation will continue to do the right thing in supporting the peace process here in the Balkans. When my tour here is finished, I will return to my 'day' job as the Medical Director at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Germany. The CMTC is essentially the world's largest game of laser tag, where U.S. and NATO units engage in intensively realistic war games. While caring for soldiers and their families is a great deal of fun (as well as indulging in the occasional helicopter or tank tour of the Bavarian countryside), I am looking forward to finishing my active duty career sometime in the next year. My hope is to find work as a 'plain old country doctor' somewhere in my native Vermont, possibly in the Middlebury area. Should anyone have any questions about Army medicine or the military Health Professions Scholarship Program, I would be happy to try to answer them (Captain Timothy Cook, MD, Medical Director, U.S. Army Health Clinic/Hohenfels, CMR 414, APO AE 09173). Best wishes for the new millennium." ✷ **Todd Miller** writes from Burlington, VT, that he has a new word processor, as he begins his 13th year at UVM. ✷ **Ruth Kennedy** switched jobs last fall and we look forward to hearing more about her new career. ✷ **Ann Clarke** is a grad student at BU, getting her Ph.D. in religion and psychology. "The specific name of my program is 'pastoral psychology.' I took my qualifying exams in the fall and have started my dissertation. I've been in school forever and seem to have forever more to go! I've done a few other things along the way—coaching soccer a few seasons, for one!" ✷ **Mark** and **Monique Lucas Conroy** have been teaching at independent schools in CA for six enjoyable years, but anticipate a move back east this year. Mark has been teaching history, coaching football, and directing the athletic program at the Webb Schools, while Monique has been the upper school math director at Foothill Country Day in Claremont. With children Kristina (8) and Kevin (5), they "have renewed our New England ties every summer" in Maine on Islesboro (off the coast from Camden), where they bought a house 11 years ago. ✷ **Andrew Mahoney** was named the Chamber of Commerce 1999 Business Person of the Year in Concord, MA, where he's a VP and commercial loan officer at the Cambridge Trust Co. The president of the Chamber reports that "Andy won the majority of votes. He's a really hard worker, very visible in the community, and a great person." Andy and wife MaryBeth live in Wellesley with daughters Meghan and Caitlin. ✷ On January 22-23, Bicentennial Hall was the scene of the launch of an exciting new effort aimed at exploring the implications of the technological revolution we are experiencing for business, society, and especially the liberal arts. Participating as a panelist was our own **Brian Napack**, President and CEO of ThinkBox Media. ✷ Congratulations to Bob and **Chandler Bohnn Gray** on the January 11 arrival of son Hampton Scott Gray. Chandler got her MBA at the Univ. of TX in '91 and met husband Bob there. They have been based in Austin, Chandler working as development director for a nonprofit (CASA) that works with abused kids and Bob working in politics and government affairs. She reports: "About two years ago, we moved down the road about 45 miles and now live in a small town named New Braunfels. We still work/socialize in Austin (and don't love commuting) but LOVE coming home to our house on the Comal River, a beautiful crystal-clear, spring-fed river. A real jewel and an incredible backyard! I talk to a few Middlebury folks (mostly **Rachel Grynberg, Betsy Briggs Feighan**, and **Meg Ross**), but there are very few 'in this neck of the woods.'"

Favorite Books & Flicks

BOOKS How the Mind Works, The Astonishing Hypothesis, Consilience
FLICKS Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Saving Private Ryan, Animal House
—Susan Knoll '74

BOOKS The Long Walk, The Color Purple, All Over But the Shoutin'
—Peggy Hewes '75

BOOKS Siddhartha, The Collector, Demian
FLICKS Klute, Seems Like Old Times, Lie Down with Dogs
—Todd W. Miller '83

BOOKS True and False, Herzog, The Great Gatsby
FLICKS Smoke, HurlyBurly, An American Love Story
—Robert Gladding '85

BOOKS The Unbearable Lightness of Being, Like Water for Chocolate, Where the Red Fern Grows
FLICKS Kagamusha, The Philadelphia Story, A Christmas Story
—Virginia Gates '86

BOOKS To Kill a Mockingbird, Land O'Goshen, Into the Forest
FLICKS Waterland, Nina Takes a Lover, The Usual Suspects
—Nicole Paul '89

BOOKS Torah, Return to Modesty, What Our Mothers Didn't Tell Us
FLICKS Sixteen Candles, Gone with the Wind, Star Wars
—Dorothy Rose Kigel, French '94

BOOKS The Year of Living Dangerously, The Greed Divorce
FLICKS The Long Good Friday, Light Sleeper, Dr. Strangelove
—John Ofsonka '77

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Congratulations to **Heather Lank Fortier** in Ottawa, where she was recently promoted to the position of Principal Clerk, Committees and Private Legislation Directorate, for the Canadian Senate. This is a senior-management level job and Heather reports directly to the Clerk of the Senate. Heather's husband, Peter, is president of the Manotick Curling Club. They have two daughters, Tessa (7) and Evie (5). ✷ Olympic and America's Cup sailor **Kevin Mahaney** was recently inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. A three-time North American and Canadian champion, Kevin was U.S. Yachtsman of the Year in 1992, when he won the Olympic silver medal in the soling class. ✷ **Jim Robinson** (principal, Independent Research Associates, Inc.) and **Lisa Giuffra de Diaz** (VP, International Equities, Goldman Sachs & Co.) were recently on campus to participate in panel discussions for the Bicentennial Symposium on International Affairs. The discussion was moderated by Olin Robison. Lisa did graduate work at the Institute d'études Politiques de Paris, and worked in investment and marketing in East and Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Western Europe. Now she's VP for Latin American equity sales at Goldman Sachs in NYC. ✷ **Matt Ellenthal** and wife Martha Outlaw are thoroughly enjoying life in Seattle with their beautiful daughter, Isabelle, who was born in June '99. ✷ **Rich Woodward** (r-woodward@tamu.edu) is still teaching at Texas A & M. His wife, Rosie, runs Costa Rican Specialties, a company that can plan your trip to Costa Rica, anytime! Children Sophia (3) and Christopher (6) are into school and soccer, respectively. ✷ **Dana Morosini Reeve** writes: "I have written a book entitled *Care Packages: Letters to Christopher Reeve From Strangers and Other Friends*. It is published by Random House and can be purchased at most bookstores and on-line on amazon.com and bn.com. Christopher, as you may or may not know, is my husband of eight years. I continue with my acting career, having appeared on Broadway last year for approximately a minute and a half in an ill-conceived but fun comedy, and I can be seen on the stages of the Williamstown Theatre Festival and the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in the summers. Now I must go put my hockey-playing seven-year-old to bed. Bye!" ✷ **Cindy Morrison** (cindy.bo@alfa.telenordia.se) still continues to astonish us mortals with her action-packed life in Sweden with husband Bosse and sons Kristofer (9) and Freddy (11). Cindy teaches Montessori and took several classes last year, as well as doing some extensive traveling. Her delightful letters tell of family camping, fishing, swimming, blueberry picking, golfing, bike riding, and cooking out in the Swedish countryside. ✷ Steve and **Jill Goodman Segal** have moved into a new home (760 Gaylord St., Denver, CO 80206), which Jill has renovated in her signature style. Son Max is in kindergarten this year, and little Evan is almost three. ✷ **Beth Reuman** has left her job at the Emerson College Counseling Center for now. She's reveling in concentrating full time on raising towhead daughters Rachel (3) and Olivia (1). Beth and husband Rick Hemond live in Acton, MA, where they are both running regularly, Rick training for his fourth New York Marathon. ✷ **Ozzie Bermudez** lives in AZ with wife Laura and children Amanda (5) and Ian (2). With a master's in international business management, he has spent 10 years recruiting and testing in human resources. He now owns his own employee benefits company. ✷ **Cecil Marlowe** (cmarlowe@calfee.com) writes: "Our new home is one street away from Lissa McKinley Gilkeson '82. Her daughter, Katie, and my daughter, Anna, are great friends in their kindergarten class. I also see Betsy Briggs Feighan '83 and her family, who also live in Cleveland Hts." ✷ Hey, everybody—write us! We'd love to hear from you!

REUNION 85 CLASS

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As you settle in to read about the goings-on of your fellow classmates below, many of them will be making final preparations for their bicentennial/reunion sojourn back to dear old Midd in just a few short weeks. We certainly hope you will be among them. There is much planned to keep you busy, but I suspect that just being back in the solitude of the Green Mountains will be reason enough to draw us from near and far. With that, we continue to learn of the interesting lives of our classmates. **Skye McKenzie** writes in December, "Most recently [I was] on *Norm*, [and] soon [will] appear with Tom Hanks as Helen Hunt's weird cousin in *Castaway*." ✷ **Pam Brown** (pamela.brown@erols.com) writes that she "finished law school (nights) and passed the Massachusetts bar. I left planning/consulting to join my dad's law firm. Now I'm able to combine my Midd environmental studies degree with my UMass master's in regional planning and law." ✷ **Robert Gladding** updates us that he "shot a documentary in Westchester, Long Island, and Duchess Counties in the local schools. It will air in 2000." ✷ In 1996, **Adam Battelstein** left the main Pilobolus dance company to devote more time to his garden and farming. He now grows much of his own food, makes homemade cornmeal into tortillas, cans vegetables, and sells his produce at the Kent (CT) farmer's market. He has also taken some acting lessons and has been very favorably reviewed for his appearances at Theaterworks, the School of Performing Arts in New Milford, and the Sherman Playhouse (where he recently played Oberon in *Midsummer Night's Dream*). ✷ Best wishes and congratulations to **Sarah Dunlap King** and Wells Sampson, who were marred on July 10. Now living in Carlisle, MA, Sarah is on the staff of the Longyear Museum in Chestnut Hill and Wells is VP for sales and marketing at American Alarm and Communications in Arlington. ✷ **Dave Revelle** (dave@revelle.com) checked in to let us know that he has recently moved to San Francisco to join a Web start-up called marketderby.com. ✷ **Andy** and **Kim Davis Gluck** continue to enjoy their busy lives with children Samantha and Joshua. Kim manages SSgA's Socially Responsible Equity Strategy, while Andy relishes his stay-at-home dad role. ✷ **Bill** and Sarah Clark '87 **Baskin** and their two boys recently moved into new digs in Glastonbury, CT. Now that their boys are older, they get out in the boat a little more often. Bill's oldest son, Buck (5), added this bit of wisdom for us to consider: "When people die, they come back as statues." ✷ **Caity Hall** continues to be busy in the Southwest, where she applies her medical training as a pediatrician on the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, NM. Still skiing and biking, Caity has added kayaking and rock climbing to her repertoire. ✷ **Martin Wenthe**, a graduate of University LaSalle Escuela

Mexicana de Medicina, has joined the three-year residency program at Saint Francis Hospital, Kingston, NY. ✷ **Kristin Anderson** and William May were married recently in Osterville, MA. Living in Boston, Kristin works at Sun Life of Canada, U.S., while her husband is employed by Bell Atlantic. ✷ Maryellen and **Jim LaFronz** are pleased to report the birth of son Brett James on September 22, joining "his adoring, and adorable, sisters Hannah (5) and Kelly (3 1/2)." Jim is still working at the Bayerische Landesbank derivatives desk. Maryellen is doing everything else that makes a family function, and functional. Jim writes: "Hope to see you at the reunion." ✷ Finally, many of you received an e-mail from me about a new way for the Class of '85 to stay in touch through egroups.com. I have established a private group on the site called midd85alums for our collective use. If you are interested in joining the group, simply e-mail me at the above address. See you at reunion!

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Nicole Rivet (nrivet@defenders.org), who recently moved to northern VA, is doing fund-raising for a conservation organization in DC. "I'm slowly getting in touch with former classmates and would love to hear from friends in the DC metro area." ✷ **Virginia Gates** writes from Anchorage that she hasn't been eaten by a polar bear yet! ✷ **Ann McCollum** (abmcc64@aol.com) is in training for her first marathon, the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, AK, on June 17. As part of the Leukemia Society's Team in Training, she's running in honor of her friend, Shawna Presley (21), who underwent treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma, stage IVB, in fall 1998 and spring 1999. Ann and Shawna became friends at the Children's Oncology Camp Foundation's Young Adult Conference at Camp Make-A-Dream in January 1999. ✷ Barry and **Lisa Hillner Stafford** spent four weeks hiking, camping, and kayaking in British Columbia after their July 1998 wedding. Lisa reports that she has used her Spanish major in every job she has had since graduation: "Señor Veguez would be proud!" ✷ Lt. Commander **Wyman Briggs**, U.S. Coast Guard, is chief of port operations in Boston. Wyman was the speaker of the day at Veterans Day ceremonies in North Reading, MA, last November. ✷ **Bessie Cromwell Speers** recently became the director of middle school placement at Calvert School in Baltimore. ✷ On May 1, 1999, Anne Link and **Robert Lehmann** were married in Boston, where both work for Fidelity Investments, Anne as a director in the corporate office and Bob as a manager of financial analysts. They live on Beacon Hill. ✷ The marriage of Melissa Miller and **David Potier** took place on November 13 in Belleair, FL. With his MBA from the Univ. of FL, Gainesville, David is a commercial loan asset manager for Ocwen Financial Corp. in West Palm Beach. The newlyweds live in Jupiter, FL. ✷ Denny and **Wendy Clarke Lewis** are the proud parents of daughter Alexandra, born February 16, 1999. ✷ In Beverly, MA, **Carolyn Paczkowski** and **Ken Grant** welcomed son Caleb Benjamin Grant on February 13, 1999. Carolyn (cpacz@concentric.net) is chair of the history dept. at Pingree School, while Kenny is an economic consultant in Cambridge. ✷ Kathy and **Rob Masinter** expanded their family to five with the birth of twins Sarah and Eric in May. Daughter Jessica is 2 1/2. The Masinters were moving in early 2000 to London, where Rob has taken a job in BP-Amoco's corporate planning group. ✷ Jonathan and **Debbie Hendrickson Sexton** joyfully welcomed son Alexander Hager Sexton on October 1 in Park City, UT. After a maternity leave, Debbie returns to emWare, Inc., an embedded software company in Salt Lake City, where she is the director of corporate communications. ✷ It was a happy Halloween for Andy Zehner '84 and **Sue Whitty**, with the arrival of son Harry. He joins big sisters Emma and Nell. ✷ Margaret Anna arrived on January 8, 2000, to the delight of parents Paul '84 and **Kate Wallace Perrotta** and twin sisters Liz and Lucy (2 1/2).

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After several years of working for others, **Nicolas Boillot** (nicolas@hartboillot.com) has cofounded a marketing/advertising/PR agency, Hart-Boillot, in the Boston area. Hart-Boillot works with a number of partner companies, including **Chris Macek**'s new company, Prospero Communications, specializing in Web site, database, and interactive design. Chris can be contacted at prospero@mediaone.net. ✷ **Jacques Heim**'s choreography at the Sixth Saitama International Dance Competition in Japan in 1991 brought him the Special Prize of the Jury. His many awards in this country include the American Dance Festival's prestigious 1992 Martha Hill Choreography Award and three Lester Horton Awards from L.A.'s Dance Resource Center. He founded Diavolo Dance Theater in L.A. in 1992, after receiving his MFA from CA Institute of the Arts. In 1995, Diavolo's performances at the Edinburgh Festival won accolades in the London press ("Best of the Fest," "Critic's Choice"). Last fall, Jacques was named one of eight California choreographers to receive the $30,000 Irvine Dance Fellowship. His full-length work, "Catapult: La Comedie Humaine," premiered on November 4 at Royce Hall. ✷ When **Beth "Buffy" Andrews** (beth.andrews@gte.net) and Kevin Lamberson were married last August in Maine, **Carolin Pu Archibald** and **Elizabeth Rout Koenig** were both bridesmaids and both had children in tow. Buffy reports: "We had a beautiful day on the coast, with lots of lobster and lots of fun. We're living in CT, looking to buy a house as quickly as possible. Life is pretty good. I have my MSW (master's in social work) and work as a clinical social worker at Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan, CT."

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Gordon Tichell (tichell@us.pol) and wife Kirsten celebrated son Haskell's first birthday on November 5. Kirsten is a graphic designer, specializing in movie posters. Gordon was recently promoted to VP and controller of USA Films. "We live in Los Angeles and spend most of our free time fixing up a house we bought a year ago in the Hollywood Hills. I still write songs and play music, but my audience now is usually just Haskell." ✷ At the NYC holiday party in early December, Anya caught up with several classmates, including **Claire-Louise (Missy) Geisler**, who recently earned her second master's degree, this one in rehabilitation counseling. By the time this reaches you, she will have moved south to Palm Beach, FL. ✷ **Kathy Tignor** is a partner in a law firm in West Palm Beach, FL. "My practice is limited to employment discrimination and hotel and resort liability. I am also president elect of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches." ✷ Clarke and **Julie Weil Futch** have moved from Florida to Marin County, just outside San Francisco. They have two children, Rawls (3) and Hayden (2). ✷ **Carol Gerber** is a practicing attorney in the Big City, handling bankruptcies for banks and corporations. ✷ **Scott Schleifer** is working for the New York Institute of Finance, organizing training seminars for corporate executives. ✷ Still relatively new to life in Manhattan is **Kristi Garrett Ransick**, who works for the American Museum of Natural History. She's also busy as the new mother of son Jack, who was born on October 13. Kristi came to the holiday shindig with **Mary Beth Pryor**, who enjoys working in sales at *TV Guide*. ✷ Andrew '89 and **Sara Van Genderen Cornish** were blessed with the birth of first child Dayton Andrew Cornish IV on October 29 in Jackson, WY. ✷ **Michelle Marie Millin** is now manager and supervisor of a major international group for Grey Advertising. She travels the globe doing public relations, direct trade, and integrated marketing and communications. ✷ After eight years of PR and fund-raising in higher education, **Beth Zogby** joined Cunningham Communication's Cambridge office as a senior associate on high tech accounts. ✷ At the Lawrenceville School, **Anya Puri** is still helping nervous students and their families navigate the confusing and ever more competitive world of college admissions. ✷ Two classmates were on campus in January for a new annual roundtable series, Bridges to the Emerging Digital Society. **Jed Smith**, founder of drugstore.com, and **George Lee**, VP and head of Internet Investment Banking, joined in discussions concerning the implications of the technological revolution. This was one component of a major new College initiative to explore, define and implement a new liberal arts education paradigm for a digital society. ✷ When the fall 1999 magazine issue reached **Paolo Bonetti** (pbonetti@aol.com) in Kathmandu, Nepal, he was inspired to send some good news: "On March 27, 1999, I got married to a good friend of 12 years, Tiphaine Talbot Ravenel (Smith '93), in Charleston, SC. Midd folks attending the wedding ceremony were Billy McCullough '89, who was our tasty-cake chef, and a groom Ted Steers '91, Shawn '88 and Chris Meredith Miele '90, Debra Ladner '93, an usher Clymer Bardsley '91, and Jack Henty '50. My wife and I have been living in Kathmandu since September. She is fulfilling her residency for a Nursing Doctorate degree from the Univ. of CO Health Sciences Center, and I am employed by Sanday Kentro Associates, a local architecture firm, as a consultant in structure and design in the remodeling of the British Embassy. We are returning to the U.S. before the end of the year, and will most likely move to Boulder, CO. ✷ **Denver Edwards** is working for the SEC; his wife, Penelope, is also a lawyer. They actually eloped to Brazil! How wonderfully romantic! ✷ Speaking of romance, **Desiree Tucker** and Sean German were married in Coronado, CA, on July 31. Desiree is a tax consultant with PriceWaterhouseCoopers,

while Sean is a senior loan officer with Accubank and assistant varsity coach at Coronado High School.

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Congratulations to **Ann Battelle**, who picked up a gold and a silver at the Winter 2000 Goodwill Games at Lake Placid in February. ✷ **Heidi Locke Simon** (simo@slip.net) writes: "I was disappointed to miss my 10th reunion this year—but for good reason. My husband Greg and I welcomed baby daughter Macquarie Amiela Simon into the world on Sunday, May 16. She happily sports Midd garb, which attracts a lot of attention in California." ✷ Jonathan and **Suzanne Black Beck** (jbsuzi@earthlink.net) were proud to welcome first child Spencer Everett on August 6. Suzanne writes, "Would love to hear from all those of us who used to be devoted to the movie, *Stealing Home*." ✷ More good news from **Tim** and Kathleen Murphy '90 **O'Shea**, who welcomed daughter "Maisie" (Marian Murphy O'Shea) on November 29, 1999.

REUNION 90 CLASS

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We wish you a happy 2000, in this our first column written in the new millennium. What a marker for our 10th Reunion! If you haven't sent in news, please do—we all want to be up-to-date for our gathering June 2-4. ✷ **Elizabeth Toder** rang in the New Year in Brazil, where she's completing a semester for her MBA. Although she promises to be back for reunion, she plans to return to the Brazilian beaches and music. ✷ **Fritz Wyler,** an MBA candidate at Georgetown Univ., has been named assistant managing director of international corporate services at Cushman & Wakefield in San Jose, CA. His fluency in Japanese and Spanish should come in handy. ✷ In Atlanta, **Leanne Fesenmeyer** has been promoted to director of marketing for women's and girls' products at JERZEES Activewear. ✷ As reported last issue, Robert and **Jodi Mitchell-Villano** were married in October. Jodi sent news of three of her wedding guests: **Meredith Binder** is a veterinary student at UC Davis, **Anise Nassiry** works for Visa in CA, and **Jane Nettles** is teaching science and running marathons in Atlanta. ✷ The October 16 marriage of **Kelly Foster** and Chad Brooks took place in North Conway, NH. The newlyweds live in Port Hueneme, CA, where Kelly is teaching French and Chad is a member of a Navy Seabee battalion. ✷ Lindsey Godfrey and **Donald Summers** were married on November 20 in Houston. Now living in Austin, Lindsey is attending the Univ. of TX School of Law and Don is director of development for St. Michael's Academy. ✷ **Amy Page** (kiosch@aol.com) and her MD husband, J. Michael Kioschos, have two daughters, Page Elizabeth (born 11/97) and Phoebe Marie (born 4/99). Michael is in a one-year orthopedic fellowship in Tampa, FL. Amy (who finished med school at Medical College of PA in 1994) is a practicing physician in internal medicine. ✷ Steve '89 and **Nancy Connor Marshall** live in Cazenovia, NY, with children Caroline (5), David (3), and Catherine (born 10/98). ✷ Richard and **Pam Labatt-Simon Blackwell** live in CT, where they welcomed daughter Lily Katherine Blackwell on June 8. ✷ **Philippe Largent** (plargent@iphca.org) and wife Melissa celebrated the birth of second son Jacob in June 1999. First Son Samuel turned three in December 1999. Philippe is the director of legislative affairs for a large health care trade assoc., based in Chicago. He hopes to see all his Midd buddies at reunion in June. ✷ Tim and **Dorie McCullough Lawson** are happy to announce the birth of second child Nathaniel in July. His sister, Ingram, is two. The Lawsons live in WY. ✷ Also in July, **Greg Allen** (noel_greg_allen@hotmail.com) and wife Kimberly welcomed their second child, daughter Riley Kenyon Allen. Greg is finishing a master's in computer information systems and hopes to be at a new job before long. "I hope some of you keep in touch and make it to our 10th Reunion in June 2000. See you all there." ✷ In Ketchum, ID, **Lisa Eder Davitt** and husband Terence welcomed son Sean Michael on August 9. ✷ In Williston, VT, **Jill Herbster Bujold** (bujold@dellnet.com) and husband Marc '91 expanded their family with the arrival of twin daughters Helen Olivia and Sophie Elizabeth on August 10. Leaving her job as senior information technology training analyst at Ben & Jerry's Homemade in November, Jill loves her new position as full-time mom. Marc continues as snowboard division manager at Rossignol. ✷ Twins have also arrived at the home of Kimberle and **Jonathan Wettergreen** (jkwgreen@aol.com), who recently moved to East Greenbush, NY. Sarah Grace Wettergreen and Brendan Gerald Conrad Wettergreen were born on September 26. ✷ Daughter "Maisie" (Marian Murphy O'Shea) arrived on November 29. Her parents are Tim '89 and **Kathleen Murphy O'Shea.** ✷ **Kevin Kahn** (kkahn@richardsind.com) plans to make it to our 10th Reunion. With his MBA from the USC Marshall School of Business (May 1999), Kevin is the Asia/Pacific manager for Richards Industries in Sydney, Australia. He was also recently named to the board of Treloar Group Ltd., a metals and manufacturing concern listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. He welcomes classmates traveling through Sydney. He has a place overlooking the ocean, perfect for sleeping bags for anyone planning to visit during the coming Olympics. ✷ **Donna More Volpitta** (dvolpitta@hotmail.com) is teaching students with learning disabilities, while working on her doctoral degree at Teachers College, Columbia Univ. She is also looking forward to the reunion, as we know you all are. See you June 2-4!

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Karen Hamad (unagi2@aol.com) and husband Jon Yenari are moving to Virginia Beach, because Karen has been hired as assistant prof. of both internal medicine and pediatrics at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. Having recently passed her Internal Medicine Boards, she is happy to no longer be studying. She is sad to say good-bye to beautiful New Orleans, her home for the last decade, but would like to invite friends to visit at her new beach location! ✷ Lake Bomoseen restaurant owner **David Rogers** has been appointed by Gov. Dean to fill the Vermont House seat of a legislator who died last summer. Since the Lake House Pub and Grille is a seasonal operation, he'll be able to concentrate fully on representing his district during the legislative session. A Republican, David was sworn into office at the start of the 2000 session, with plans to run for a full two-year term in March. ✷ **Grace Garcia Lessing** (glessing@villagenet.com) recently finished her residency in ophthalmology in NYC and started private practice on Long Island. "Celebrated the birth of second daughter Jillian Paige on October 18, 1999. Daughter Alexie Brea was born on February 20, 1997. Building a new house also, to add to the excitement."

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Heather Van Epps is almost done with her Ph.D. in immunology. ✷ After five years in Chicago, **Carolyn Eppes** is "leaving to pursue adventures in San Francisco!" ✷ **Piper Lounsbury** (jaspalwest@yahoo.com) is still in Beijing, where she's working for United Technologies Corporation. She and Jim Stover '90, who is also in China working for the consulting firm Environmental Resources Management, will be glad to leave the Beijing smog next summer for Cazenovia, NY. ✷ **Wendy Morse** presented a lecture on Regulation of Axon Guidance by Src-Family Kinases during the 11th annual Alumni of Color Weekend at Middlebury in January. Wendy is a postdoctoral fellow in biochemistry at the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill. A record 100 alumni returned for the Jan. 14-17 weekend events. ✷ **Keith Wilson** (kkhwilson@msn.com) is living in Denver with wife Kristin and son Harry (2). ✷ **Dana Tiedemann** and Andres Hulslander were married on August 28 in Newfound Lake, NH. They live in NYC and Dana attends the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. ✷ The September 18 marriage of **Robin Foster** and David Cole took place aboard the Adirondack Ferry on Lake Champlain. The reception was also held afloat, while the guests enjoyed a sunset cruise of the lake. A costume maker for the San Francisco Opera, Robin wore a hand-painted silk gown that she designed and created. David is an engineer for a med-tech firm in Menlo Park, and they live in San Mateo, CA. ✷ The marriage of **Francesca Fontes** and Lt. James McIver took place at the David Adams Memorial Chapel at Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, VA. Francesca is a social services supervisor and trainer with Policy Studies, Inc. Her husband, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, is a submarine office.

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Erin Hill (ehill70@hotmail.com) moved to Seattle in March 1999. She's selling wireless products and services on-line for an Internet startup. ✷ **Angel A. Diaz** (ussailor@hotmail.com) writes: "I have joined the world's finest Navy and am currently studying Arabic at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey as a Crypto-Tech. I would like to know if there are any '93 or '94 Midd alums in the Monterey area, the SF Bay area, or anywhere nearby on the West Coast!" ✷ In December, **Richard Rivas** got his master's in biomedical sciences from Barry University's Graduate School of Natural and Health Sciences, Miami Shores, FL. His thesis was entitled "Genetic Characterization of a Family of

Paralogous Genes of *E. coli* via Multiple Gene Deletions." Richard was recently visited by Warren Reid '94 and his wife, Najoh, who live in Cincinnati, OH. ✷ **Steve Prescott** writes: "I've been working for the past three years as an independent technical consultant, designing and building software and database systems for companies in the Boston area. I'm currently working on Web-based systems for Fidelity Investments. Last August, I bought a 1900 colonial-style house in Acton, MA, and expect to spend the next 30 years learning how to lose money, hurt myself, and generally make a mess while renovating this century-old money pit." ✷ **Sam Heitner** (sam.heitner@varsitybooks.com) left Greer, Margolis, Mitchell, Burns & Associates in December to work on strategic planning and communications at VarsityBooks.com, a rapidly expanding DC start-up that sells college textbooks on-line. Sam and **Vanessa Guibert** were married on May 8. After returning from a three-week honeymoon through southern Africa, Vanessa is finishing her Ph.D. in Hispanic literature at the Univ. of VA. ✷ The August 21 marriage of **Cecilia Leung** (cecilia.leung.wg00@wharton.upenn.edu) and John McGinnis brought many friends together in Philadelphia, including **Amy Fox, Jodie Lachowitz Sandman, Adrienne Macki Effron, Rachel Martin, Matthew Hoenck, Joshua Miller,** Elizabeth Walter Miller '92, Fawn Horvath '92, and Cathleen Bechan '91. With one more semester at Wharton, Cecilia is getting her MBA in May. ✷ **Lee Casselman** (lee.casselman@worldnet.att.net) and Christopher Whelan were married on September 25. They're living in Chicago. ✷ Elizabeth Hickey and **Jonathan Selwood** exchanged vows in Louisville, KY, on October 9. Both recently received MFAs in creative writing from Columbia Univ. ✷ An October 9 marriage blessing in Mead Chapel followed the June 12 civil service marriage of **Kyna Mackey** and **Bart de Vries** in Grou, the Netherlands. Perky Mackey '95 was maid of honor and **Hillary Brown** was a bridesmaid. Now living in Amsterdam, Kyna is employed by Benckiser and Bart by Abnamro. ✷ **Jodie Lachowitz Sandman** (j.sandman@worldnet.att.net) and husband Eric are happy to report the arrival of daughter Abigail Mikayla on April 26, 1999. They have moved to CT and are building a house in Hebron. ✷ **Rong Lu** and husband Rony Keppens welcomed son James on July 23. They live in the Netherlands. ✷ **Brian Rickauer** (brian@winklevoss.com) would like to see a lot more news in the Class of 1993 column.

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Betsy Barbato was one of six faculty members at Newark Academy (Livingston, NJ) to receive a Headmaster's Award for excellence in teaching. While teaching English to the middle and upper school students, Betsy has revitalized the school literary magazine. ✷ "After a thrilling two years playing anchor man in Wyoming," **Rob Merrill** (robert.merrill@msnbc.com) writes, "I got married and moved back east. I live outside NYC and work for MSNBC.com, producing a webcast devoted to politics." ✷ **Dana Palmer** (dppalmer@hotmail.com) is special assistant to the administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), specializing in global change and international issues. He's also volunteering for the Gore campaign. ✷ Jean Tsai (Purdue '94) and **Adam Gilden** were married on February 13, 1999. Adam, who is now going by Adam Gilden Tsai, is a first-year resident in internal medicine at the Hospital of the Univ. of PA. ✷ The July 10 marriage of Dara Webster and **Greg Boosin** took place at Troutbeck, an inn in Amenia, NY. While Greg studies for his MBA at the Wharton, Dara teaches at the Swarthmore-Rutledge Elementary School in Swarthmore, PA. They live in Philadelphia. ✷ Evelyn Pan and **Paul Bavier** exchanged vows August 21 at Mead Chapel and held a reception at the Waybury Inn. Evelyn works at the Harvard Univ. Art Museums in Cambridge, while Paul is employed by the law firm of Ropes & Gray in Boston. They live in Arlington. ✷ Also on August 21, **Nicola Romanska** and John Barry, Jr., were married in Carlisle, MA. A graduate student at Northeastern Univ., Nicola is a product marketing specialist at ST Microelectronics in Lexington. John is VP of sales for Fulfillment America in Wilmington. ✷ The August 28 marriage of Oakley Dominick '95 and **Joshua Cobb** took place in Evan's Chapel in Denver. Oakley is a registered nurse, working for St. Joseph's Hospital, while Josh works for P.S. 1 Charter School while getting a master's degree. They live in Denver. ✷ **John Anderson** and wife Theresa welcomed daughter Helen Rose on November 19. The Andersons live in Ripton.

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Aaron Mendelsohn graduated from Northwestern Law School in May 1999 and passed the Illinois bar in November. He worked for six weeks for the DC law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, and Pickering, then left (with a mandate to return) to be deputy delegate coordinator for the Gore campaign in Nashville. In 2001, he expects to clerk for District Court Judge Ruben Castillo in Chicago. ✷ **Abhijit Das** is a "3L" at the Univ. of MI Law School. "I'll be graduating in May 2000 and will be clerking for Judge Benson Legg, U.S. district judge for the District of Maryland. The law school experience has been mostly good, and I've loved Ann Arbor. While I haven't decided whether to practice permanently in Boston or New York, I'm excited about the clerkship in Baltimore and look forward to seeing more Middlebury alums soon! I've been in touch with **Eric Simpson**, who recently bought a house in Mendon, MA, and is working for the geotechnical firm GaiaTech in Providence, RI. ✷ **Martin Arms** finished his clerkship and is now at NYC law firm Wachtell Lipton. ✷ **Robert Hendricks** is with the Dept. of Justice in DC. ✷ **Victoria Wells**, an editor with Penguin/Putnam in NYC, is quite the culinary expert! ✷ **Kat Buchan** is at Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston and **Carolyn Archie** is teaching in Newton, MA." ✷ **Valerie Barth** met Kevin Stouwie while in law school; they were married on March 7, 1999. Valerie is a law clerk for a federal judge, while Kevin is an attorney in private practice. "We love San Antonio and plan to remain here for the long term." ✷ **Andrea Lathrop** (lathrop@mit.edu) and Dania Palanker '96 are living in Cambridge, MA. Andrea is enrolled in a graduate program in screenwriting at Emerson College in Boston, while working at MIT. ✷ **Caren Priest, Tina Lopez-Gottardi, Lisa Polizzi**, Alyson Piskorowski Owens '96, and Kristin Arends '98 rowed for the Midd Alumni Assoc. at the Head of the Charles in October. ✷ **Diane Needham** (dneedham@gilganchin.com) is a graphic designer for an architecture firm in Boston. ✷ **Mark Schade** recently completed his first year as a physical therapist for National Rehabilitation Hospital in DC. ✷ Julie Moriarty (J-moriarty2@nwu.edu) entered grad school at Northwestern Univ. in September. "It's the Integrated Marketing Communications program at the Medill School of Journalism. I'm still living in downtown Chicago, which I love. It was certainly a huge adjustment to go back to school, but I survived the first quarter, so I think that's a good sign! I've had the chance to see lots of other Midd grads at recent weddings, which has been great!" ✷ Brian and **Kirsten Bremer Belh** (tinkerbelh@yahoo.com) are directors of the Philadelphia House, a ministry to international students in the Philly area. ✷ Joseph and **Rachel Fernandes Gritzer** live in South Windsor, CT. Rachel has her master's in microbiology and is working on her Ph.D. at UConn. ✷ **Jenna Ermold** (jermold@zoo.uvm.edu) writes: "I am enjoying my first year in UVM's doctoral program in clinical psychology. I recently moved to a house up on Snake Mountain and love being near Middlebury. I visited in January with **John Boris**, who came up to try snowboarding for the first time, and I look forward to skiing in February with **Erica Templeton**, who is at BC Law School."

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In Oaxaca, Mexico, **Noel Chilton** and Saul Castro were married on New Year's Eve. **April Bolton, Briana Miller**, and Andrew Reisner '97 were there to attend the wedding and watch the new millennium roll into the streets of Oaxaca, with firecrackers and confetti-filled eggs. Noel (www.sachmo.com.mx) and Saul have set up a bilingual art school in Oaxaca. No longer at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Briana is unfortunately missing the "Sensation" hoopla entirely. She's now at the American Academy in Rome. ✷ **Jeremy Patlen** recently jaunted off to South Africa—again. ✷ **Jina Sagar** is in her second year of a Peace Corps stint on Nosy Be, a small island off the coast of Madagascar. Write her at GTZ BP-118, Nosy Be, Hellville, Madagascar, East Africa. ✷ **Dan Mucha** loves working in Prague, where he hosted several classmates to ring in the new millennium, Czech-style. ✷ Living in Shanghai, **Ken Ross** "tracks down bad guys (manages anti-counterfeiting investigations) for Pinkerton Consulting." ✷ **Laurel Cox** is having a great time working in Italy. ✷ The August 11 marriage of **Melissa Quinn** and Marc Downing took place in Royal Tunbridge Wells, England. They live in Hawkhurst, England, where Melissa is a Web page designer and Marc is a land surveyor for Hochtief Construction. ✷ Living in St. John's, NB, **Shelley Wood** is working at a Canadian law firm and studying for the bar exam. She finished law school last spring at the top of her class. ✷ In Waitsfield, VT, **Jonathan Carver** has been promoted to director of law enforcement programs at Project Harmony. "Our focus is on community policing, including juvenile drug prevention, domestic violence intervention, and ethics

in policing. These programs take me frequently to Russia, Ukraine, and different areas of the U.S." ✷ **Kate Bishop** and **Gretchen Elias** are living in Burlington. Kate is getting her master's in teaching at UVM. ✷ Marc and **Jill Boat Rakowski** (jillrakowski@hotmail.com) were married November 20 in Denver, where they're living. **Marie D'Amato** was in the wedding. Jill is in public relations/advertising for Hyatt Hotels in Denver. ✷ **Kelsey Fuller** and **Pam Selover** are also living in Denver. Pam recently moved there to open a new center for her company. ✷ **Allison Miller, Cullen Meade, Sarah Merrill**, "The Captain" **Corie Pierce, Eliza Spang**, and **Kevin Staples** have been "climbing mountains, gettin' down, and generally raising hell" in San Francisco. Allison jokes that "**Andrew Kvaal** had plans to join them, but his plane crashed into a manure silo on his way out!" Also in SF, **John Goyert** writes, "I was recently hired out here to clog e-mail servers and surf the Web for a company called Modem Media that, funny enough, was started by a Middlebury alum." John sometimes sees **Taylor Mahony** and **Lindsay Lutton**. ✷ **Elizabeth Prescott** is working towards a Ph.D. in molecular biology at UCSF. **Christy Thomsen** loves Stanford B-school and enjoys being back in the CA sunshine! Also at Stanford, **Dave Wolman** is a graduate student in journalism. They meet for an occasional game of tennis or night out with **Petra Stuehmeier** (who is enjoying her work at a new start-up) and **Doug Griffith** (continuing his work at porvenir.com). ✷ **Dania Palanker** (dania_p@email.com) and Andrea Lathrop '95 are living in Cambridge. Dania is getting her master's in public policy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, while "organizing students to attend the Million Mom March for stricter gun laws on Mother's Day 2000." ✷ **Brad Corrigan** recently moved to Cambridge with **Pete Dougherty, Amanda Dickson**, and **Heather Mulkerns**. Brad's band, Dispatch (formerly One Fell Swoop), has been working on a fourth album. After a planned April release, they'll be going on tour to promote it. (Tour dates can be found at www.calldispatch.com.) Pete is studying architecture at Harvard, Amanda is studying architecture at MIT, and Heather is getting her master's in social work through Smith College. ✷ After a year of clinical research with HIV positive heroin addicts and prison inmates, **Beth LaRusso** is a first year at Harvard Medical School (elizabeth_larusso@student.hms.harvard.edu). She sees **Heather Mulkerns** and **Eliza Burke** frequently. ✷ In Manhattan, both **Anne Bruce** and **Andrea Lally** are in Columbia Univ.'s MBA program. **Mo Renganathan** is continuing to hold down the fort on the Upper East Side, while commuting to CT for his Internet marketing job. He often sees **Robynne Maii,** who is pursuing a degree in food studies from NYU (and moonlights as a pastry chef), and **Courtney Marsh** and her new roommate, **Susie Van Buren. Melissa Morrissey** and Emil Jattne '98, who recently moved to NYC from Boston, are "having a great time meeting our fellow Midd alums who live in the Big Apple." ✷ **Elizabeth Pongo** ran the 1999 NYC Marathon on November 7 in five hours, eight seconds, with the Leukemia Society's Team in Training. Erzsi is a regional sales manager for BZ Media, a high-tech start-up company. ✷ In DC, **Heidi Weiskel** (hweiskel@mmc.gov) is working for the Marine Mammal Commission on marine mammal and marine environmental national policy. After she receives her master's from Tufts Veterinary School in animal science and public policy, she's heading to law school to focus on international environmental law. She did her master's research in Argentina, where she studied and danced the tango. ✷ **Sergio Tjong-Ayong** received his M.A. in international economics, China studies, and Latin American studies in 1998 from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Now working as a telecom consultant in DC, he also does some community work through a Jewish social justice group. ✷ Also in DC, **Tracy Varghese** is working towards both a law degree and an international affairs degree. ✷ **Terri Elofson** has begun graduate school in psychology in Minneapolis. ✷ **Alli Hartz** and **Elizabeth Seeley** are living in Chicago now. Alli is working at CS First Boston before heading to the Univ. of MI for a master's degree next fall. Elizabeth is working on a Ph.D. in social psychology at Northwestern Univ. ✷ **Peter Schermerhorn** (pschermer@earthlink.net) is staying at Duke Univ. another year to earn a clinical doctorate in physical therapy. He's on clinical affiliations in CO and NM this spring. ✷ Aaron and **Stephanie King Lemke** recently moved to Baltimore. Still working for First Union, she's now an OTC Trader. ✷ **Meg Hart** is doing well in her first year of law school in Seattle. ✷ **Katie Chatfield** has three years toward her M.D./Ph.D. at Dartmouth; **Mark Villa** is in his third year at UMass Medical School. ✷ From TX, **Christina Pease** writes: "I'm in my third year of medical school at Baylor; leaning towards pediatrics, but life is still a big blob of never-ending questions."

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Shannon Mondor has been "living in beautiful Humboldt County, CA (where the redwoods meet the Pacific), for the past year and a half. I make my living substitute teaching for grades K-12. Summers find me in Lake Tahoe, cooking up gourmet food and landscaping for the rich and famous." Last fall she expected to begin work on an M.A. at Humboldt State Univ. ✷ After spending a year and a half in advertising in NYC, **Jessica Weinstock** (jessica.weinstock@razorfish.com) has moved back to Los Angeles, where she is an associate producer for Razorfish, a Web design/brand strategy company that focuses on digital change management. ✷ **Amy Wlodarski** has moved on from Middlebury admissions and is studying for a Ph.D. in musicology at the Eastman School of Music. She loves Rochester, NY, despite the lake effect and cold weather, but looks forward to getting back to the Green Mountains this summer for German school. ✷ **Justin Block** is working in Germany for a year, but he returned for Thanksgiving to meet with a bunch of Middlebury friends in Boston and Chicago. ✷ **Hana Rubin** will receive her master's degree in May at the Monterey Institute in Monterey, CA. ✷ After two years of med school at Dartmouth, **Jenna Mason-Plunkett** is continuing her studies at Brown Univ. ✷ **Meredith DuBarry** is doing law school at UPenn. ✷ **Victoria Lomax** is working in Paris, where she no doubt continues to sing. ✷ **Wendy Goyert** gets to combine both her loves—the environment and Latin America—in her new job at the Nature Conservancy in DC, where she works in the Latin American dept. ✷ After spending last July in Greece with Dimitrios Spiliakos '99 and John Schowengerdt '98, **Geoffrey Pippenger** settled into graduate school at Michigan State Univ., where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in history. ✷ **Christine Jacobs** works for the United Way in East Lansing, MI. ✷ **Olivia Anne Hooper** (hoopero@bc.edu) is working on her master's in elementary education at BC. "I will finish up in June and plan to move back home to New York. I hope to be teaching full time starting in September 2000." ✷ **Katie Rosin** (krosin@mindspring.com) is a producer in a global culture entertainment Web site called JetSetTV.com, launching this March. "As a major player in this unique market, we will be producing eight to twelve 'television-like' shows on the Internet, as an incubator for the networks. So, get the gears turning and let me know your ideas. Our market is [age] 21-55 years." ✷ **Maciej Ceglowski,** who is living and working as a painter in Vermont, invite classmates to view her paintings on-line at www.ceglowski.com. ✷ Curtis and **Heidi Erdmann Vance** were married on November 27, 1999. "My sister, Tricia '03, served as one of my maids of honor. **Jen Hefner** and **Julie Yerkes** also attended the wedding. Curtis passed away on December 19, 1999, of genetic ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. I am writing a book about ALS and Curtis, as well as establishing the Curtis R. Vance Foundation, a nonprofit foundation that will support research for ALS, as well as victims and their families. Jen Hefner will serve on the board of this foundation." Heidi (larrybr@together.net) lives in Curtis's hometown of Danville, VT, in the house that he built.

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Happy 2000! Bringing in the millennium on the Jersey tip were Mike Lauze '99 and **Libby Erwin, Amy Johnson**, Mike Koehler '99, Carrie Shelton '99, **Dave Riedel, Torri Ross, Rebecca Perron, Sarah Peterson**, and **Vanessa Bergmann**. Lauze was the toast of the town after unveiling his special millennium edition of the Purple Nurple Boogie. ✷ Celebrating at **Manda Gonzalez**'s bachelorette pad were **Mad Dog Carpenter, Cat Wright, Carla Naumburg, Courtney Kessler, DJ Roo Kozuma, Chuck Edwards, Nat Coughlin, Susan Quintin, Bethany Womack, Sherr Lo, Vice President Cucci, Matty P.**, and Congratulations **Kate Barch**. ✷ Raging in Beantown at the Lauriat and Sheldon compound were **DT, Tom Gravel, Jen Jensen, Cincinnatus Bouchard, Meghan Bouchard, Lefty Gomez, Beth DeLisle**, and **Molly Reilly**. ✷ **Jordan Lungstrum** had her running debut in the Chicago marathon, as did **Kirsten Taylor** and **Michelle Spina** in the New York marathon. Kirsten qualified for the Boston marathon with her time of 3:40:12 and can be seen in training around the greater Boston area. Catch her if you can! ✷ **Susan Quintin** finished the NY marathon in under five hours. She was cheered on by family and friends, took off to Spain for a little traveling before the holidays, then headed to Phoenix in January to get her International MBA at Thunderbird, the American School of International Management. ✷ **Mike Stineman** is living in NYC, where he had house guests for the NYC Marathon. **Freddy "Go Go" Johansson** flew through the five boroughs with the amazing time of 3:08. In town to cheer on the race were **Eric Lowe, Don Devendorf,**

and **Kristin Arends**. Saturday night entailed a big pre-race meal with the above people, as well as **Jenn Heim, Emily Olson, Katie Padden, and Jenn Trickett.** Katie and Emily were gearing up to open a store this spring in NYC, selling pet clothing and other pet specialty items. ✷ If any classmates are planning a trek up Mt. Everest in the next two years, **Torri Ross** would love to see you! Torri headed to Nepal in January to serve as a community health coordinator in the Peace Corps, working on the Safe Motherhood Initiative. This is part of her master's program in Public Health at Tulane Univ. Last fall, she interned with the PA Dept. of Health-Div. of Maternal and Child Health in Hershey, PA. ✷ **Brooke Sargent McLaughlin** and husband Jay are pleased to announce the birth of son Andrew (Drew) Finnley McLaughlin. "Motherhood is the most exciting and wonderful challenge! We are living in CO, where my husband works as a recruiter for the Navy." ✷ **Michole Biancosino** and **Andrew Smith** presented *Lion in the Streets*, by Canadian playwright Judith Thompson, this winter at the DC Arts Center. They have founded a new theatre company, Project Y, in hopes of luring people away from the computer screen and into the theatre, "which is a much more interactive environment," as Michole points out. ✷ **D.D. Taylor-Garcia** is still in Vermont and can usually be found in the Capitol Region, or in Middlebury on weekends. ✷ Back at Middlebury and living on Court Street, **Adam Boffey** is building houses while working on the feasibility of writing a full-length novel with as few words as possible. ✷ **Davin Wilfrid** (dizinco@aol.com) writes: "I'm sure most of you have real jobs by now, but I'm still out here in the mountains, trying to perfect my backcountry skiing technique. Nostalgia brought me to the Midd Am Civ Web site, and I think it looks great. Who designed this thing, anyway?" ✷ Still living in Breckenridge, **Dan** "Loose Cannon" **Ackerman** and **Mark McCormack** recently finished a summer of concrete-pouring jobs and got back on the snow to get in shape to teach snowboarding (Ackerman) and skiing (Macker). ✷ **Tim Weld** and his brother Dave '92 ambitiously scaled Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania in a matter of days last October. Tim reports that it was an amazing experience and that things are "wicked freakin' spinning" from 19,340 feet. ✷ **Jennifer Beaumont,** who lives near the Sawtooth Mountains in Ketchum, ID, has also been climbing mountains. She works at the Gail Severyn Gallery and the Pioneer Restaurant, when it doesn't interfere with her skiing, fly-fishing, and exotic extracurriculars. ✷ **Colin Williams, Davin Wilfrid,** and **Dan Nelson** continue to live La Vida Loca out in CO, near Keystone. ✷ **Emily Henlein** married a New Zealander on November 27 in Christchurch, New Zealand. She met him while studying there in spring 1997. "I'm working for the Imperial Chemical Industry in their safety, health, and environment department. We are leaving soon to travel through Portugal and Morocco and then to the USA before we head back to NZ." ✷ Also married in November were Elizabeth Masterson and **Gregg Beloff.** In Boston, Elizabeth works at WZLX Radio, while Gregg is an investment banker with Adams, Harkness, and Hill. ✷ Looking to spend some QT back in the rolling hills of VT, some '98 (along with some lucky '99 & '97) Boston residents rented a '70s-decor condo in Stowe, VT, for the winter. Midd kids involved include **Steve Anderson, Fred Johansson, Michelle Spina, Ben Christian, Tim Weld, Kirsten Taylor, K. Whittlesey**, Kip Adams '97, Brian Schmidt '97, and CJ Diamond '99. Over 60 Middlebury grads gathered at the condo to ring in the year 2000 at a party entitled "Stowe 2K." Those making an appearance in Stowe over New Year's included **Jenny Klintberg, Jill Patey, Jenny Arnold, Jordan Lungstrum, Dave Johnson, Kirby Salerno, John Twiss, Scooter Hendrick, Lauren Brown, Erin Grace**, Jeff Wichmann '97, Bob Rice '97, Kevan Comstock '97, and many more.

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Sarah Waybright (swaybright@hotmail.com) is working in the PR dept. for SUN Group of Companies in Moscow, Russia. ✷ In Madrid, **Colin Canham** is attending Midd-Spain in pursuit of a master's degree. ✷ **JP Gowdy** is training in Canada for international swimming competition. ✷ **Peter Westra** recently returned from a one-month mission for Deutsche Bank in London, where he managed to keep his fantasy basketball team afloat. ✷ **Forrest Westin** decided to leave Deutsche Bank and return to sunny CA, where he's living the good life and working on a start-up Internet health care company. ✷ After graduation, **James Farrell, Brian Coates, Jeff Sengle,** and **Nick Temple** spent over a month driving cross country. They stopped in Sun Valley, ID, to visit Rick Durst '97 and Tim Cron '97 for a week. ✷ **Dave Lane** works at a surf shop in Eugene, OR. ✷ **Frank Wildermann** (frankwild1@hotmail.com) worked as assistant to director David Lee (creator of NBC's Fraser series) during a production at the Pasadena Playhouse. ✷ **Laurie Manus** is enjoying her studies at UCLA Law School. ✷ **Ross Sealfon** showed up for the Macon Whoopee training camp last fall in Macon, GA. ✷ **Matt Bak** is already taking care of patients at the Univ. of Rochester School of Medicine. ✷ **Eric Meissner** is keeping up with his lab work as a MD/Ph.D. student at the Univ. of NC School of Medicine. ✷ **Karen Moore** is back home in Durham, studying at the Duke Univ. School of Medicine. ✷ **Shwe Ye Mon** occasionally emerges from her lab at Johns Hopkins, where she's getting a Ph.D. in biochemistry. ✷ Studying for the LSAT in Lawerenceville, NJ, **Mike Hackett** is says he's spending more time in the library than he ever did in college. ✷ Teaching at a prep school in Williamstown, MA, **Deana Becker** is performing in a tap dance group in her spare time. ✷ **Joanna Wolkowski** is assistant coaching the basketball team at Wellesley College. ✷ While ostensibly working in the insurance industry in Boston, **Geoff Silvius** spends most of his time managing his fantasy basketball team on Yahoo. ✷ **Jeff Trail** is back in Boston, working for Fidelity and trying to keep the company afloat. ✷ **Kristen Vogel, Nikke Eyrich**, and **Karen Herbert** are living in Cambridge, MA. Now a legal assistant with Needham & Warren in Boston, Kristen is "surprised daily by the number of Middlebury students/alums here!" She and **Tom Blabey** traveled around the UK for two weeks last summer. ✷ Many '99 alums attended the Midd hockey games at U-Mass Boston and Babson in early January. Seen cheering for the Panthers were **Yseult Tyler** (ytyler@ctr-boston.com), **Becca Hayes, Cam Brown** (rubysu87@hotmail.com), **Shannon Larsen** (shannon.larson@ef.com), **Dan Boxwell** (dan@boxwell.com), and **Dave Sardilli** (sardilli@mediaone.net), as well as hockey alums **Cam Petke** (cam_petke99@alumni.middlebury.edu) and **Nick Bobrov** (nbobrov@fleetcenter.com). ✷ **David Sardilli** is a sales rep in the MA headquarters of Avidyne Corp. He has been flying for five years and had accumulated approximately 325 flight hours as of last fall. He holds a private pilot certificate and was also completing his glider rating last fall. ✷ Having completed the training program, **Jared Bartok** (bartok_jared@jpmorgan.com) and **Jed Harris** (jharris77@hotmail.com) are now working on Wall Street as investment banking analysts. ✷ **Chris** (Bass) **Lindstrom** (lindstrm@dpw.com), **Robby Levy** (robert.levy@chase.com), and **Josh Nelson** (joshua.d.nelson.99@alumni.middlebury.edu) reportedly run a free hotel for Midd students who need a place to stay while job-hunting in NYC. ✷ **Charles Macintosh** and **Elizabeth Cassidy** are keeping busy as analysts for CS First Boston in NYC. ✷ **Munir Alam** has been spotted outside of his DLJ office in NYC at least a few times since July. ✷ **Courtney** (courtney_thompson@condenast.com) **Thompson**'s work can be found in *Vanity Fair*, where she is an assistant photo editor. ✷ After many months of general wandering, **Pauls Toutonghi** (ptoutonghi@hotmail.com) has settled in DC and works for a nonprofit called TV-Free America. "I won the Boston Review's 7th Annual Short Story Competition and passed through the first round of the Fulbright grant competition. I am generally happy, even though I'm commuting, and waiting for grad school rejection letters." ✷ **Kristine Kraushaar** is working on environmental litigation with the U.S. Department of Justice in DC. ✷ **Sandra Caron** (sandra.caron@mail.house.gov) was recently promoted to the position of legislative aide in the DC office of VT's only congressman, Independent Rep. Bernie Sanders. Sandra is handling foreign affairs and women's issues. She reports that **Jason Price** is enjoying the Peace Corps experience in Southeastern Africa. Write him at Chikangawa CDSS, P.O. Box 6, Chikangawa, Mzuzu, Malawi. ✷ **Matt Saxton** is working on youth programs for the Peace Corps in the Philippines. He's also scuba diving and taking advantage of the ocean and mountains. ✷ **Jeff Martini** is somewhere in Morocco, and **Silas Marshall** is also serving in the Peace Corps. ✷ Spotted in Philly, **Stefan Miltchev** studies at UPenn's Engineering School, **Tarem Ahmed** is at UPenn's school of communication, and **Scott Dudley** hits the books quite frequently at UPenn Dental School. ✷ Ringing in the New Year in Utah, where there was plenty of snow to go around, were **Kristine Kraushaar, Scott Dudley, Charles Macintosh, Liz Cassidy, and Pete Steinberg**. Pete is loving UPenn medical school, where he's working with **Jamin Brown** on a clinical trial involving pain management of chronic back pain. ✷ Back in Vermont, CRAs **Pete Nilsson, Tim Hayden, Jess Blake, Matt Grodd, Madiana Mustapha, Alexis Landry, Elizabeth Burns,** and **Cintra Batchoo** have been spotted on Wednesday nights at Mr. Ups. ✷ **Clark Freeman** planned to spend spring 2000 in Middlebury, acting in the theatre dept. production of *Thérèse Raquin*. ✷ The 1999.5 Feb class earned alumni status with the traditional ski-down-the-mountain ceremony on January 29. ✷ Your secretaries ask for news and request that you keep your address information current by updating it on-line at http://www.middlebury.edu/~alumni/alumni_update/update-form.html.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

From 1955 to 1983, **O.A. Lopes** (M.A. '51) taught English at Longmeadow (MA) High School. In retirement, he began writing poetry ("When you teach, you don't have time for yourself.") and Green Branch Press recently published *The Collected Poems of O.A. Lopes*. He and wife Lois traveled to England last May to launch his book with a reading near the place where Robert Frost first found fame. ✷ **Bob Reddinger** (M.A. '71) was one of five honored as distinguished teachers by Rochester Institute of Technology for 1999. ✷ **John Fennell** (M.A. '74) writes and directs student plays, using the arts to enhance and enrich education. John is now the fine arts coordinator and drama teacher at Cape Fear Academy in NC. ✷ **David Thaden** (M.A. '84), principal of East Chapel Hill (NC) High School, recently received the Jack McCall Award at the Principals' Executive Program at the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill. ✷ In Livingston, NJ, **Von Rollenhagen** (M.A. '86) was recently honored for completing his 15th year of teaching at Newark Academy, where he has chaired the English dept. since 1994. ✷ **Donna Niday** (M.A. '90), an assistant prof. of English at Iowa State Univ., instructs in methods of teaching. She draws on her growing collection of Cinderella stories from around the world in a presentation entitled "Multicultural Children's Literature: Cinderella Around the World." ✷ **Grant Healey** ('93) has moved from Montana to teach language arts in the Dorset (VT) Middle School. ✷ **Rick Commons** (M.A. '94) has been appointed assistant headmaster at McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD. Formerly McDonogh's dean of students, Rick continues as director of the school's five-day boarding program. Before arriving at McDonogh in 1997, he served as a college counselor, teacher, and coach at the Harvard-Westlake School in North Hollywood, CA. ✷ **Stephanie Ruenzel** (M.A. '94) and Randy Wright were married on September 4 in East Lyme, CT. After honeymooning in Manchester, VT, they returned to Hawaii, where Stephanie is the intelligence officer for a Navy P-3 squadron. ✷ **Melissa Ostrom** ('96-'99) teaches English at the Kendall, NY, Junior-Senior High School. The Univ. of Rochester recently gave her an award for excellence in teaching.

FRENCH

Sheila Spear Keeny (M.A. '50) est membre de la direction de l'Association «National Capital Area» des Nations Unies. Autrefois présidente de la DC League of Women Voters, Sheila a également travaillé pour l'Institut Urbain de Madeira School et pour la CIA. ✷ **Helen M. Cummings** (M.A. '66) a récemment reçu la décoration de Commandeur dans L'Order des Palmes académiques, qui lui a été attribuée par M. Stéphane Chmelewsky, consul général à Boston. Aujourd'hui à la retraite, Helen était coordinatrice supérieure du programme de langues étrangères à Boston Public Schools. ✷ **Deanna Mueller-Crispin** (M.A. '66) explique qu'elle prend sa retraite après une carrière dans le gouvernement de l'Etat d'Oregon—dernièrement en tant qu'analyste politique supérieure, et gérance des déchets solides (recyclage). Deanna a enseigné le français pendant deux ans à UVM après Midd, et assiste toujours au cercle français à Portland, OR. ✷ **Christine Olpin-Pabon** (MA '69) et **Jeanne Buhlmann** (M.A. '69) ont passé le mois de juin 1999 dans un appartement parisien, et ont assisté à deux conférences, quatre opéras, des films, des récitals, et un ballet. Christine fait toujours des recherches pour son projet de traduction. Son mari, **Tom Pabon** (M.A. espagnol '65), se rend en Espagne au printemps 2000 pour y travailler (Faculty Development Leave). Christine va être récompensée par Washington College après trente ans de service. Jeanne est «undergrad adviser» en français à l'université de NB Lincoln. Le trio passe parfois ses vacances ensemble. ✷ Après avoir enseigné le français, le latin et l'espagnol pendant 25 ans, **Andrew Bayer** (M.A. '72) est devenu assistant principal à Torrington (CT) High School. ✷ **Joan Steward Joffres** (M.A. '74) (joffres@abonet.net) se trouve à Luanda, Angola, où son mari Thierry est trésorier de Elf Aquitaine Production. Leur fils de dix ans va à l'école française de Luanda, tandis que Joan est chargée de la «pre-school section» à l'école internationale de Luanda. «Avant de me marier et d'avoir des enfants, j'étais manager financier à Digitale Equipment Corporation (MA). Enseigner est beaucoup plus attrayant—et parfois plus difficile!» ✷ Brig. Gen. **Paul Eaton** (M.A. '81) est «deputy commanding general» Fort Benning (GA). Ses dernières missions l'ont conduit en Somalie et en Bosnie. Ses décorations et récompenses comprennent la Médaille du service de défense supérieure, la légion du mérite, etc. ✷ A Chicago, Kevin et **Peggy Kline Rooney** (M.A. '83) ont accueilli leur fille Caroline Logan le 20 septembre. ✷ Steve et **Dorothy Rose Kigel** (M.A. '94) se sont mariés le 3 janvier 1999. Ils vivent à Manhattan, où elle est directrice des ressources humaines et des relations publiques au Jewish Renaissance Center. ✷ **Laura Moses** (M.A. '95 et M.A. espagnol '96) (laura@mit.edu) est mariée et vit à Cambridge, MA. Elle travaille au Bureau des Arts au MIT. Elle parle espagnol et français avec ses amis étrangers et étudie l'italien et le langage des signes américain. *Translated by Sophie Jabo*

GERMAN

Mehrere Male in der Woche lädt die 92 jährige **Margit Pessel Links Cartwright** (M.A. '64) Amateurmusiker zu sich nach Northampton ein, um Kammermusik zu spielen. Sie hatte Deutsch an der Northfield Mount Hermon School unterrichtet, bis sie mit 65 Jahren in den Ruhestand trat. Ihr Sohn Christopher machte seinen Abschluß an Middlebury im Jahre 1973. ✷ Nachdem **Carl H. Most** (M.A. '64) seit 1960 in Rochester, MN, Deutsch unterrichtet hatte, hat er sich nun vom aktiven Unterricht zurückgezogen. ✷ Sr. **Marie Paula Holdman** (M.A. '67), am College of Mt. St. Vincent, Riverside, NY, arbeitet an einer englischen Übersetzung von *Ansgar Apostel des Nordens* (Kiel, 1995) *Translated by Roman Graf*

ITALIAN

Alessandra Gleason Domina (M.A. '72) ha cominciato a lavorare con Tate & Foss Realtors a Rye, NH, dove precedentemente ha lavorato con Mark Nason & Co. ✷ **Peter Alfieri** (M.A. '81), di Lincoln, RI, È direttore del programma Semestre all'Estero-Studi in Italia all'universit? Roger Williams. E' stato professore di spagnolo e italiano e direttore del programma estivo a Roma dell'universit? Salve Regina. E' stato anche traduttore per la citt? Di Newport. ✷ L'estate scorsa, **Allison Balas** (M.A. '97), insegnante di italiano al liceo di Los Gatos, CA, ha trascorso quattro settimane di studio a Perugia. Il viaggio È stato un premio dell'Istituto Culturale Italiano dell'ambasciata italiana e dell'associazione californiana degli Insegnanti di Lingua Straniera. Il programma di italiano del liceo di Los Gatos È il pi? recente del suo genere in America. L'autunno scorso nel programma vi erano 30 studenti di primo anno. ✷ **Carmen Marie LoMaglio** (M.A. '99) ha una nuova cattedra in un liceo di Greece, NY, dove aiuta gli studenti con l'italiano, lo spagnolo e il francese nel language resource center. "E' un posto fantastico! Spero che tutti i miei colleghi della scuola di lingue resteranno in contatto con me a melina@frontiernet.net. Ciao." *Translated by Ilaria Brancoli Busdraghi*

SPANISH

David Foltz (maestría en el '63), que enseña español y lenguas clásicas en la Universidad de Indiana, PA, fue ascendido recientemente al rango de catedrático. Recibió una beca de la Fundación Rotary para participar en un un intercambio en Patagonia, Argentina. ✷ **Orlirio Fuentes** (maestría en el '70) está jubilado y actualmente está escribiendo un libro sobre Hispanoamérica para el uso de los estudiantes de las escuelas secundarias y los del primer año de la universidad. ✷ **Leasa Lutes** (maestría en el '79, alemán, '81, '82) es presidente del departamento de las lenguas extranjeras y lingüística de Gordon College, en Wenham, MA. Legalmente ciega por 32 años, una cirugía consiguió aumentar su visión a 20-60 en 1989. ✷ **Albio Sires** (maestría en el '84) es el alcalde de la ciudad de West New York, NJ. ✷ **Barbara Ann Lewis** (maestría en el '88) (bhager1@bellsouth.net) enseña español en la Universidad de Bob Jones en Greenville, SC. Ella ha enseñado inglés en la China durante varios veranos y lleva a grupos universitarios a diferentes países latinoamericanos durante la Navidad para participar en cantatas y clase para niños. Barbara es la autora de un manual de solfeo en inglés y español. ✷ **Greg Newberry** (maestría en el '89) es el nuevo director ejecutivo de DuPage Center for Independent Living en Glen Ellyn, IL. El centro defiende el derecho de gente minusválida de controlar sus vidas y participar en todo aspecto de la vida y el trabajo. Nacido con parálisis cerebral, Gregg informa que "aquellos que son minusválidos pueden ayudar a los demás, porque tienen conocimiento íntimo de cómo es vivir con una minusvalía." ✷ **Susan Kenney Naughton** (maestría en el '90) enseña español en la Dana Hall School en Wellesley, MA. Antes de eso, ella era conferenciante en lengua y literatura españolas en Queensborough Community College, Bayside, NY.

The Gunnery boasts five teachers with graduate degrees from Middlebury: Stephanie Clower (M.A. Spanish '91), Eileen Kelly-Aguirre (M.A. Spanish '89), Anna Kjellson (M.A. French '99), Russ Elgin (M.A. Spanish '75), and Karen Lincoln (M.A. French '89).

También enseñó en la Academia Militar de los EE.UU., West Point. ✷ Amigos de la Escuela Española se juntaron en una reunión íntima en Chicago el 4 de junio de 1999, incluso residentes de Chicago **Russ Bowen** (maestría en el '92), quien trabaja para Dale Carnegie; **Heather Colburn** (maestría en el '93), quien enseña español en Northwestern University; y **Sara Jo Wayne** ('91), quien enseña español en las Lab Schools de la University of Chicago. **Doug Trotman** ('90, '91), quien recientemente ha conseguido su maestría en administración de empresas, es analista de las investigaciones para una casa de corretaje. **Pedro Hall** (maestría en el '92) enseña español y francés en Andover, MA. **Tomás Kocon** (maestría en el '92) es consultante de computadoras en una oficina de abogados de San Francisco. En Dallas, **Cecilia Nipp** (maestría en el '93) enseña español en el Ursuline Academy. **Gavin Strok** ('91), quien vive cerca de Boston, es especialista en el comercio latinoamericano en el Chafee Center for International Business de Bryant College en Rhode Island. Varias personas no pudieron asistir a la reunión: **Karen Biel** (maestría en el '94), de Albany, NY, enseña español en North Troy, y con frecuencia dirige excursiones culturales para los alumnos. **Michel Baker** (maestría en el '92) vive en Columbia, SC, donde ella fundó un programa de FLES para su distrito escolar hace algunos años. **Krista Jacobson** (maestría en el '94) vive en Suiza con su marido y niño pequeño. **Charlotte Lindsay** (maestría en el '96) enseña español y francés en Golden, CO. **Katie Maloney** (maestría en el '93) vive en Chicago donde es fiscal ayudante del distrito para el condado Cook. **Kathy Quinn-Sánchez** (maestría en el '93) está acabando su doctorado en la Universidad de North Carolina en Chapel Hill, donde enseña el castellano. Para solicitar más información sobre estas y otras personas de aquellos veranos fatídicos de 1991 y 1992, consulte el website (rudimentario): http://www.hispanics.nwu.edu/~hcolburn/llaves.html. ✷ **Vally Perry** (maestría en el '95) (vperry@randolph.pvt.k12.al.us) recibió el premio para el/la mejor maestro/a del año 2000 a nivel primario y secundario, otorgado por la Asociación de Alabama de Maestros de Lenguas Extranjeras. "Debo mucho a los profesores, al programa de idiomas y a mi experiencia en Middlebury, y tengo el honor de revelarles estas noticias a todos." ✷ **Ruth Aray** (maestría en el '96) y Timothy Woflsgruber se casaron el 3 de julio en Berkeley, NJ. Ruth enseña español en Southern Regional High School en Stafford; Tim es un policía del estado de Nueva Jersey. ✷ **Calysta Drake** (maestría en el '97) (calysta_drake@ceo.cudenver.edu) nos manda este correo electrónico: "Saludos a todos. A todos mis amigotes de la Escuela de Español—John, Alejandro, Doug, Amanda—¿dónde están? ¡Mándenme un e-mail, por favor! Soy maestra de español en Kent Denver School, una secundaria en Denver, y me encanta. Colorado es lo máximo. ¡Están todos invitados a venir a esquiar cuando quieran! Les echo de menos a todos y me encantaría escuchar noticias suyas!" ✷ La boda de **Antonella Ciamacco** (maestría en el '98) y Mark Merolla ha tenido lugar el 27 de noviembre en Allentown, Pennsylvania. Ahora, viviendo en Wyomissing, Antonella tiene empleo en la Administración de Seguridad Social; Mark es abogado. ✷ **Matthew Fitzgibbons** ('99), que enseña español en Xaverian Brothers High School (Westwood, MA), recientemente condujo a grupos estudiantiles a Ecuador y España. El verano pasado enseñó inglés y música en un colegio internacional de Lincoln, MA.

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22 **Amy E. Goodell**, of Barre, VT, on November 17, 1999, four days before her 99th birthday. In 1923, she joined the staff of Spaulding High School in Barre, where she coached many winning girls' basketball teams and taught American history. She ended her 43-year career at Spaulding in 1966. She played golf, was a skillful equestrian, and ran the Barre Tourist Information Booth for 20 summers. She was predeceased by four brothers.

23 **Esther M. Langwill**, 98, of Glastonbury, CT, on December 30, 1999. With a master's in French from Middlebury (1928), she continued her studies in Paris, Montreal, and the Univ. of CT. In Hartford, she taught French at Bulkeley High School for more than 30 years and Spanish at Weaver High School. In Glastonbury, she was a member of the Historical Society and the First Church of Christ. Predeceased by sister Katheryn E. Langwill, she is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, and by her dear friend, Virginia A. Knox '30.

26 **Dorothy Simonds Palmer**, 96, of Montpelier, VT, on October 15, 1999. A history teacher in the Montpelier schools in 1927-28, she taught in the Attleboro (MA) High School until her retirement in 1959. She was active in AAUW, was a Red Cross staff aid for 18 years, was a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and enjoyed history and foreign affairs. Predeceased by husband Eber H. Palmer in 1984, she is survived by a niece and a nephew.

27 **Ramona Brown Fleming**, 93, of Williamstown, MA, on November 25, 1999. She taught high school Latin and French at Indian Lake, NY, and at Old Forge, NY, retiring from Williamstown High School in 1957. Predeceased by husband Michael J. Fleming in 1976, she is survived by a nephew and a niece.

Marion Morgan Herrlich, 93, of Grafton, VT, on October 26, 1999. A native of Bristol, VT, she and her husband, William E. Herrlich, lived for 35 years in NYC and Bronxville, NY, before moving to Grafton in 1967. Predeceased by her husband in 1976, she is survived by daughters Elisabeth Harper and Katherine Wahlert, son William M. Herrlich, and seven grandchildren.

29 **Ada V. Felch**, 92, of Black Mountain, NC, on January 31, 2000. With an M.S. degree from Teachers College of Columbia Univ., she was a dietitian at several colleges in MA and TX. She served as chair of the home economics div. at SUNY, Cobleskill, retiring in 1974. Survivors include a brother, two nephews, and two nieces.

Rose Marchiano Scerrati, 91, of Mount Kisco, NY, on November 7, 1999. She worked for New York Telephone for 40 years, retiring in 1970. She enjoyed arts and crafts, sports, and volunteer hospital work. Her husband, Americas Scerrati, died in 1981. She is survived by her sister, Marie Koloski.

Lester J. Stephens, 96, of Greenwich, NY, on December 31, 1999. He served for many years as VP of the Stevens and Thompson Paper Company. He was active in support of the Greenwich Library and the Red Cross, and served on the Greenwich School board of education. Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Margaret (Curtis); sons Sanford Stephens '53 and Peter Stephens; six grandsons, and 11 great-grandchildren.

30 **Laurence L. Haskins**, 90, of Boxborough, MA, on November 16, 1999. From the late '30s until his retirement, he was a quality control inspector, teacher, and supervisor at Sprague Electric, General Electric, and Hamilton Standard, retiring from DSO Inc., near New Britain, CT. He was interested in genealogy, languages, opera, history, birdwatching, and gardening; he was a pilot in the '40s and '50s. The Boxborough Historical Society honored him as the oldest resident of the town on September 12. Survivors include a brother and a sister.

31 **Walton T. Crocker**, 90, of Falmouth, ME, on November 29, 1999. Mr. Crocker was an industrial engineer and photographer at GTE/Sylvania. Retiring to Brewster, MA, he continued to play in a hockey league in Hyannis until the age of 79. As a student at Middlebury, he captained the baseball and hockey teams. He spent his last seven years in Falmouth. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Elsa (Kugler), daughters Carole Levesque and Eloise Crocker, and three grandchildren.

32 **Marian Willcox Patterson**, 89, of Middlebury, VT, on January 2, 2000. A graduate of Columbia Presbyterian College of Nursing, she was a nurse at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital until her marriage to Judge Egbert Rosecrans in 1941. Following his death in 1948, she enrolled at Columbia Univ. and received a degree in economics (1952). With second husband Albert T. Patterson, she operated an accounting firm in Rutland, VT, for many years. Predeceased by Albert Patterson, she is survived by daughter Lesley Rosecrans Smith, stepdaughter Rhonda Kerr, a sister, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

33 **Fenwick N. Buffum**, 89, of Maurertown, VA, on January 23, 2000, of respiratory failure. He farmed in Shushan, NH, during the Depression, then worked for the Federal Writer's Project in Washington, DC. He earned the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in the Army during World War II, and served in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of Major. He lived in Arlington, VA, while working as an analyst for the Department of Defense. The girls' softball team he coached in Arlington won the county championship in 1960. Retiring in 1970, he moved to Maurertown, VA, where he raised thoroughbred horses. Predeceased by wife Mildred (Streeter), he is survived by daughters Molly B. Turlish '64 and Barbara B. Neu, a sister, and four grandchildren.

Joan Rowland Glassburn, 86, of Verona, PA, on January 1, 2000. With an MSW from Columbia Univ., she was a medical social worker at Grasslands Hospital in Valhalla, NY, (1937 to 1941). An active volunteer in the Shadyside Hospital Auxiliary for 45 years, she was a charter member of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church and active in Meals on Wheels. Predeceased by husband Edward M. Glassburn and daughter Katy Doroff, she is survived by son George Glassburn, daughters Ellen Silberman and Leslie Glassburn, a sister, and five grandchildren.

Barbara Butterfield Noyes, 87, of Rutland, VT, on January 16, 2000. Married to Frederick R. Noyes in 1934, she lived for 13 years in Castro Valley, CA, and served as president of the AAUW chapter in Hayward. Following her husband's death

in 1964, she returned to Rutland and taught French at Otter Valley Union High School, retiring in 1979. She leaves son Paul E. Noyes, daughter Mary Jane Sagi, a brother, a sister, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

34 **Elizabeth Brown Hoffmann**, 88, of Rochester, NY, on January 7, 2000. With an M.A. from Middlebury (1935), she taught high school English, Spanish, and Latin in VT and NY. She was the director of guidance at Milton (VT) Central School from 1970 until 1975. A published poet, her watercolors and sculpture were chosen for inclusion in the NYAHA Service traveling exhibit throughout New York State in 1999. The late Arthur M. Brown, athletic director at the College for many years, was her father. Predeceased by daughter Janet Hoffmann Chickos, she is survived by daughter Martha Hoffmann Rucker, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a brother, John H. Brown '43.

35 **Arnold R. LaForce**, 86, of Basking Ridge, NJ, on December 13, 1999. The recipient of the Alumni Award for Meritorious Service from Middlebury in 1966, Mr. LaForce served as chair of the Middlebury College Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1980, and was honored as a trustee emeritus in 1981. A financial adviser at Brady Securities of Gladstone and Dillon Reed of New York, he also served as director of several companies, including Mack Truck of Allentown, PA; American South Africa, A.S.A., Ltd.; Guardian Life of New York; and Purolater of Piscataway, where he served more than 20 years. Until January 1999 he continued to serve as director emeritus at Guardian Life Insurance. Earlier in his career, from 1938 to 1942, Mr. LaForce taught business and finance at New York University. He was also vice president of investments at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company from 1941 to 1957, executive vice president and director at El Paso Natural Gas from 1957 to 1962, and president at Central Securities from 1962 to 1972. He was a member of Brookside Community Church, Baltusrol Club in Springfield, Vineyards and Moorings Club in Naples (FL). the University Club of New York, and a 1960 cofounder of the Mendham Golf and Tennis Club. He contributed to two books, *Financial Handbook* and *Investment of Life Insurance*. Survivors include his wife, Isobel (Drummond), daughter Susanne LaForce Thompson '65, a sister, and two granddaughters.

Donald W. Miles, 86, of Chapel Hill, NC, on January 11, 1999. In 1938, he married Marguerite Malichard, whom he met in the Middlebury French Summer School (M.A. '36). A veteran of World War II, he taught French and Latin and became a high school principal in Chappaqua, NY, retiring in 1969. He and wife Marguerite had one daughter, Lynn Feiss, and four grandchildren.

36 **Hazel Schmidt Davis**, 84, of Willow Street, PA, on September 21, 1999. She attended the 1936 Olympic Games in Germany, studied fashion design in Paris, was a seamstress, and worked in publishing in NYC. Later she designed gardens, was an accomplished pianist, and traveled extensively. In Hockessin, she helped found and manage the gift shop at Cokesbury Village, a retirement community. Her first husband, John H. Haught, died in 1971. Her second husband, John F. Davis, died in July 1999. Surviving are daughters Susan Parker and Deborah Holmes, a grandson, and a brother.

IN MEMORIAM

GRACE CHENEY GREENE '29

MARCH 10, 1906 - FEBRUARY 2, 2000

Grace Cheney Greene '29 was the first person in her family to go to college. Her parents expected her to enter the work force immediately after graduating from Commerce High School in Worcester, Massachusetts. But there was a special teacher at that school, Grace M. Ellis, who took it upon herself to encourage exceptional students to pursue a college education. In some cases, Mrs. Ellis was even known to provide financial assistance for these students.

Thus began Grace Cheney Greene's life-long association with Middlebury College. As she wrote in later years, "I can't imagine anyone today being so thrilled as I was to be part of the Middlebury scene. . . I had to work so hard to stay at Middlebury, academically and financially, but I loved it all, was reluctant to leave, and rejoiced to return." She organized the Worcester County Alumnae Association in the 1930s and remained in close touch with the College and her many Middlebury friends right up until her final visit to Middlebury last May, when she attended her 70th Reunion.

An honors English teacher for 25 years, Mrs. Greene traveled far and wide with her husband, Kenneth E. Greene, a radio research engineer for NBC. He died in 1957. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Worcester, served in many community positions, and greatly enjoyed theatre and concert series.

Upon her death on February 2, at the age of 93, Mrs. Greene left a generous bequest to Middlebury College, both to honor the memory of her benefactor, Grace Ellis, and to continue the legacy of assisting others to attend the college she loved so much.

37 **John F. Lonergan**, of Sarasota, FL, on January 10, 2000. He served as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Force during World War II and married Virginia Conroy in 1948. She died in 1991. He later married Louise Cahill in Sarasota. He was a teacher for the Bennington, VT, school system and a founding member of Lonergan and Thomas Insurance Co. of Bennington. Survivors include wife Louise, son Bruce P. Lonergan, stepdaughter JoAnn Cahill, stepson Gerald M. Schlenker, and three grandchildren.

38 **Bruce M. Brown**, 82, of Hamilton, NY, on December 4, 1999. With an M.A. from NYU and a library degree from Columbia, he served 38 years at Colgate Univ. as director of libraries, special collections and rare book librarian, and university archivist, retiring in 1985. He assumed leadership positions in the Hamilton Club, the Chenango Bird Club, the NY State Library Assoc., and the Mid-York Library Assoc. Survivors include wife Helen (Brown), daughters Laurie Brown and Deborah Moon, son Duncan, a brother, and four grandchildren.

Albert J. Riccio, 86, of Wilmington, NY, on January 16, 2000. He served in the Army during World War II and worked for the DuPoint Company in Edgemoor for 34 years, retiring in 1975. An ardent supporter of Middlebury, he never forgot the generosity of President Moody, who took money from "the president's purse" to assist him with tuition during those Great Depression years. He was also an active community volunteer, helping to establish a senior center and tutoring adults and children in English, reading, and writing. A member of the Masonic Order, he was also an officer in the American Legion. During his 70-year golf career, he won countless state and regional trophies. A charter member of the DuPont Country Club, he was honored in 1995 by the Delaware State Golf Assoc. with an award recognizing his "outstanding contributions and achievements in the promotion of the sport of golf." In addition to his wife of 56 years, Rita (Riccio), he is survived by daughter Carol Ann Linder, two grandchildren, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews, including David C. Riccio '59 and Robert L. Riccio '69. He was predeceased by one sister and three Middlebury brothers: Leonard D. Riccio '29, Daniel P. Riccio '32, and Victor J. Riccio '34.

Ruth Flicker Roberts, 82, of Kingston, NY, on October 15, 1999. She was a member of the Fair Street Reformed Church and the ladies auxiliaries of Kingston Hospital and Benedictine Hospital. In 1944, she was married to John R. Roberts, who survives her. She also leaves sons J. Peter Roberts '67 and David Roberts, daughter Ann Glasser, a sister, and eight grandchildren.

39 **Gerald A. Cole**, 81, of Chandler, AZ, on June 22, 1999, from complications following a stroke. He received a master's from St. Lawrence Univ. (1941), served in the Army during World War II, and received his doctorate in zoology from the Univ. of MN (1949). He taught biology at the Univ. of Louisville (KY), then at AZ State Univ. from 1958 until his retirement as emeritus professor in 1979. He received numerous honors for scientific research and authored the standard college text, *Textbook of*

Limnology (Waveland Press), now in its fourth edition. Predeceased by wife Jean (Hascall), he leaves daughters Wendy '69 and Sally; sons Tom, Steve, and Jeff; five grandchildren; sister Phyllis Cole Deming '51 and her husband, William '51. Mr. Cole was predeceased by several Middlebury relatives: mother Ida Ainsworth Cole '15, father Elbert C. Cole '15, uncles Clarence '15 and William Cole '22, aunt Edna Volin Cole '24, and a brother, Elbert C. Cole, Jr. '40.

40 **Olive Jenne Doubleday**, 80, of Newport, VT, on November 11, 1999, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. A resident of Newport since 1946, she is survived by her husband of 57 years, Edward Doubleday, as well as daughters Gail Ames and Joan Kelly, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Active in the family maple syrup business, Mrs. Doubleday taught high school English for 18 years and was a tour guide for the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington, VT.

Louise Gove Hawkins, 80, of Walpole, MA, on December 19, 1999, following a stroke. In 1942, she married Edward J. Hawkins, who had four sons, and they added a daughter and son. With a degree from Bridgewater State, she was children's librarian at the Walpole Public Library. She was active with the Cancer Society, the Council on Aging, her Episcopal Church, Red Cross Motor Corps, garden club, and historical society. Predeceased by her husband in 1975, she leaves daughter Mary Hawkins Sachs '65; sons James, John, Richard, Sherman, and Edward; two brothers; 14 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Zurbach, 82, of Pasadena, CA, on January 9, 2000, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He received an M.A. in political science (Univ. of WA, '42) and served in the Army during World War II. In 1946, he started a steel company in Los Angeles and retired in 1982. He served on the board of directors for the Pasadena Symphony Assoc., the Caltech Associates, and the United Nations Assoc. Predeceased by wife Bernice (Dietz), he leaves daughter Christine Wiser, son Randall Zurbach, and four grandchildren, including Michael Wiser '00.

42 **Hugh D. Onion**, 79, of Rutland, VT, on January 6, 2000. An Army veteran of World War II, he spent his career in his family's coal and oil business, retiring in 1992 as president and CEO. Survivors include his wife, Mary (Kent); daughter, Holley Moran; two sisters, and two grandsons.

Alice Taylor Thornycroft, 79, of St. Joseph, MI, in May 1999. In Chicago, she was an editor for a small publishing company for eight years, prior to her marriage in 1950. She later became the children's librarian in her local library for 24 years, retiring in 1990. Divorced in 1985, she was the mother of three daughters and two sons, and she had five grandchildren. A sister, Norma Taylor Clark '46, survives her.

Mary A. Tudbury, 79, of Falmouth, MA, on February 20, 1999. With a master's in psychiatric nursing, she was a nursing instructor at Lakeville Hospital, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and other nursing schools in MA and OH, retiring after a 40-year career. She was the author of *The Psychiatric Nurse in the General Hospital* and several nursing articles. In retirement, she volunteered for many years in Hospice programs in MA and RI. She leaves a brother and three nieces.

43 **Marian Young Ives**, 77, of West Tisbury, MA, on January 31, 2000, of complications of Alzheimer's disease. For several years, she worked in the offices of Edgartown Marine. Active in the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury, she was a member of the Up-Island Council on Aging. Predeceased by husband Frederick D. Ives, she is survived by son Donald Ives and a grandson.

44 **Janet Pflug Kleven**, 77, of Chester, CT, on December 6, 1999. Mrs. Kleven was a realtor for many years with Pequot Properties of Old Saybrook and New London, CT. She was predeceased by her first husband, Allan Robertson '45, in 1979, and by a son, Allan E. Robertson, Jr. She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Willis Kleven, as well as son Christopher Robertson, daughters Linda Robertson Warga and Leslie Robertson Bridge, a sister, and seven grandchildren.

W. Thomas Rooney, 78, of Newport, VT, on October 14, 1999, of cancer. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his Army service during World War II. After working for the U.S. Customs Service from 1950 until 1977, he served as a side judge for the Orleans County Superior Court. He served on the board of directors of the North Country Hospital and of the North Country Union High School. Survivors include wife Yevette (Poutre), daughter Catherine, sons Thomas and Douglas, two brothers, and four grandchildren.

46 **Patricia Beach Kortlandt**, 74, of Rectortown, VA, on October 11, 1999. In addition to her work with the Fauquier Livestock Exchange, she served as secretary of the Piedmont Valley Ruritan Horse show for 20 years; held offices in local, county, and state homemakers associations; served as a judge at the Fauquier County Fair; and volunteered with Friends of the Fauquier Library, the Farm Bureau, and the local and state soil and water conservation districts. She is survived by husband Nicolaas A. Kortlandt, and a sister.

IN MEMORIAM

JEFF ALDERMAN '65

NOVEMBER 29, 1942 - NOVEMBER 15, 1999

"Tuffy" Alderman died November 15, 1999. He was laconic and irreverent until the end; his doctors and colleagues still have not stopped laughing about his antics. They played Brubeck at his funeral. I wish I had been there; many of us do. We kept in touch intermittently over the years, checking in and out with his extraordinary career with the Associated Press and ABC News. It is fitting that this is being written today, "Super Tuesday"—his day. In the spring of 1999, after struggling with cancer and several surgeries over the last 13 years, he retired to a cottage in Isleboro, Maine, to pursue his lifelong passion, sailing, and to pontificate occasionally to ABC News on days like today.

During his 20-year stint as the ABC News Director of Polling, he virtually created the first ABC Exit Poll in 1980, and then invented tracking and overnight polls and all manner of samplings and devices to measure the depth of the American electorate, its psyche and underbelly. None other than Peter Jennings said, "I don't think he, in his entire career here, ever got it wrong."

In 1998, after a whirlwind tour of Irish establishments on the Upper West Side, he told me Paul Tsongas would never be President because he, like Tuffy, had the same bug (Hodgkin's lymphoma). In 1992, I called him at 11 A.M. on election day, got him out of a meeting with the ABC big wigs, and needed advice for a friend as to which victory party to go to that evening in Burlington. "Clinton by a landslide, going home for lunch." Today would have been an easy day for him.

For those of us whose short-term memory is still intact, we remember Count Dracula, the consummate class "ugly man," the scion of Atwater House, jazz aficionado, drummer, composer, writer, the Friday night Gene Shepard of WRMC, and one of the brightest, most creative, and laugh-out-loud funny men on the planet. He leaves his wife, Joanne; daughters Liz (a studio artist in New York); and Merry, a student at Wesleyan. Tuffy's mother says donations should go to the Williston Northampton School drama department in Easthampton, Massachusetts. And, at the unofficial 35th reunion, where those of us who remain will gather, we will honor him with a posthumous P.O.Y.

—Jim Murdoch '65
(Co-host with Tuffy on "Undertow," a very late Friday evening radio program)

48 **Margaret Curtis Burckes**, 72, of Calais, VT, on September 27, 1999. As a ski instructor, she carried badge 17 on the National Ski Patrol. She was an English teacher, and she was a case worker at Washington County Mental Health in Montpelier for almost 20 years. Survivors include daughters Mardie Burckes-Miller and Laurie Dunlap, a brother, and a grandson.

Frances Farwell O'Mara, 73, of Canton, MA, on December 27, 1999, due to complications from a fall. Fluent in Spanish, French, and German, she was the former head of the Spanish department at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, MA. She lived in Europe, Montana, and Australia, before returning to Massachusetts to become a self-employed investment consultant. She retired to Canton in 1983. Survivors include sons Duncan F. O'Mara and J. Hugh O'Mara, Jr.

51 **William H. Crawford**, 72, of Pleasantville, NY, on November 19, 1999. He served in the army during World War II and taught social studies at Ossining High School for 35 years. He was very active in the tennis clubs of Westchester County, Mount Pleasant, and Armonk. He leaves wife Edith (Zimmermann), son William Jr., daughter Mary Adams, and four grandchildren.

52 **William H. Barber,** 69, of Montgomery Village, MD, on January 25, 2000. His long and distinguished career (1954 to 1984) with the U.S. Naval Security Group Command took him to the far corners of the globe. During his assignment to Scotland (1963-65), he met and married his wife of 35 years, Kathleen (Walker) Barber. After his 1984 retirement from the Navy, he was employed as senior systems analyst by Betac International of VA until 1992. He held an M.A. in history from Boston Univ. (1953). A high school football player, he later played ice hockey for a local team and enjoyed golf. In addition to his wife, he leaves daughter Lisa Barber, two sisters, and nieces and nephews.

54 **Louis M. Bronzi**, 67, of Glastonbury, CT, on January 8, 2000. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he purchased the Deercrest Farm in 1965 and continued to farm until his death. He was an avid collector of Portland glass. He leaves sons Hutchinson, Jonathan, and Daniel Bronzi; daughter Sarah Melzen; and a sister.

56 **Rosemary Knapton Currie**, 65, of Lakewood, NY, on September 20, 1999. For the past 20 years, she was associate dean of William Smith College. She held earlier positions at the Columbia School in Rochester and Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes. She was also active in Geneva's League of Women Voters. Predeceased by husband Blair in 1990, she is survived by daughter Elizabeth, son David, and six grandchildren.

59 **Cynthia Crehore DeWyk**, 61, of Lakewood, CO, on November 20, 1999. She was a psychiatric social worker at CT Valley Hospital and the Washoe County Welfare Dept. in Reno, NV. In Lakewood, she was an active volunteer for senior citizens. She leaves husband Bruce H. DeWyk, daughters Amy DeWyk and Elizabeth Ried, and a brother.

Charles E. Harvey, 62, of Hingham, MA, on November 6, 1999. He was a partner at E.B. Harvey & Associates and the Sterling Company of New England. An avid sportsman, he was active in the Norfolk Trout Club and the Royal Hunt Club. He is survived by wife Virginia (Crossen), son James D. Harvey, daughter Elizabeth Harvey, a brother, and two granddaughters.

65 **Jeffrey D. Alderman**, 56, of Islesboro, ME (formerly of City Island, NY) on November 15, 1999, of cancer. He earned an M.S. from Columbia Univ. School of Journalism and served two years in the army before joining the Associated Press in New York. During his 10 years as an editor and writer with the AP, he covered (in his words, written in 1992) "those hectic Watergate-Vietnam-Energy Crisis-Patty Hearst-drugs-counter culture-inflationary-Nixon-Carter years." From 1977 until last June, he served as director of polling for the news division at ABC News, where he developed polls that measured both political races and social trends. He created the first ABC News election exit poll in 1980 and developed "tracking polls" to anticipate the outcome in the electoral college. He also pioneered overnight polls to get quick public reaction to major news. First used to measure views on the verdict in the John Hinckley trial in 1982, the overnight poll has become a staple of news polling. He is survived by wife Joanne (Childs), daughters Elizabeth and Meredith, his mother, and a sister.

66 **R. James Falconer, Jr.**, 55, of Arlington, VA, on January 28, 2000, from an abdominal hemorrhage caused by ulcers. Mr. Falconer was an administrative officer with the Agency for International Development for the last 10 years. He served in the first group of Peace Corps volunteers sent to Guyana in 1965, then was a special assistant to the Peace Corps director and other officials until the late 1970s. He was a staff member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and an analyst with the Administrative Conference of the U.S. federal court system until joining AID. He also ran a part-time catering business in the 1980s. Survivors include his stepmother, Peg Falconer, and a brother.

67 **Jane E. Silvia**, 55, of Springfield, MA, on January 28, 2000. She received her J.D. degree in 1975 from Western New England College School of Law and was an attorney in the Springfield area for many years. She leaves daughter Kendra Page and a granddaughter.

69 **James R. Esmond**, 52, of Cambridge, MA, on November 10, 1999. He was a research associate for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge for more than 20 years. His community projects in the Boston area included food co-ops and a community garden. He leaves partner Renee Kasinsky, sons Yuri and Daniel Kasinsky, his father, and his brother.

Karen Nicewonger Weiss, 52, of Worcester, VT, on November 19, 1999, after a sudden stroke. Married to Eric Weiss '68 in Middlebury, the couple both received M.A. degrees in teaching (East Tennessee State Univ. '71) and both taught at U-32 Junior-Senior High School in East Montpelier, VT. They adopted two children, Mark and Robert, and were foster parents for five others—Pierre, Jimmy, Jane, Michael, and Greg—before having two children of their own, Ben and Nick. Her passion for teaching and enjoyment of her family filled her life. Her husband and all of her children survive her. She also leaves her mother, a brother, and four grandchildren.

71 **James E. Gilmond**, 50, of Worcester, MA, on January 21, 1999, from injuries sustained in a fire at his home. With a master's in education from Assumption College, he was a teacher of law and government studies for 10 years at the Worcester school system's Accelerated Learning Laboratory. A mentor to many students, he was a trainer for the "We the People" program and worked with students to make connections between the law and everyday life. He leaves his parents, Harry and Barbara Robinson Gilmond, two brothers, and a nephew.

73 **Karen Deininger**, 48, of Newfane, VT, on November 27, 1999, of ovarian cancer. She was an office manager for several small companies in southern Vermont, and until recently did accounting work for the Grace Cottage Foundation. Cofounder of a nursery school, she handpainted designs and created the catalog for Cat Tales Clothing for children. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 1986 and ovarian cancer in 1995, she found her true voice as a cancer patient advocate, especially in issues concerning compassionate use of drug release, expanded patient access to clinical trials, and state legislation to establish a medical review panel to resolve medical disputes between patients and their insurers. A cofounder of the first breast cancer support group in Windham County, she underwent continual cancer treatment since 1995. In 1997, after a battle with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont, she was granted coverage to receive a stem cell transplant. Her marriage to David Parker '74 ended in divorce. In 1989, she married James Florschutz, who survives her. She also leaves daughter Erika Parker, step-daughter Caitlin Florschutz, and two brothers.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

49 **Louise Gurren**, M.A. Spanish, of Vineyard Haven, MA, on January 6, 2000.

50 **Lorene Billman Wabeke**, M.A. English, of Aurora, MO, on November 6, 1999.

66 **James J. Karambelas**, Russian School '66-'70, Spanish School '95-'97, of Fairfield, IA, on December 26, 1999. He taught at the Pingry School (Elizabeth, NJ) and served as a simultaneous interpreter in French and Russian at the UN in NYC.

69 **Aldona Zajanckauskas Venclauskas**, 85, M.A. German, of Worcester, MA, on December 27, 1999. She taught French, German, and Russian at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA.

73 **Ann C. McDermott**, 48, M.A. French, of Mashpee, MA, on January 6, 2000. She was an administrative assistant for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration until multiple sclerosis forced her to retire.

STAFF

Jean Munson Blodgett, 51, of Chatham, MA, on February 21, 2000, after a long battle with ovarian cancer. At Middlebury, she served as secretary of the faculty from 1977 to 1988, and she was senior program officer for the Salzburg Seminar from 1992 to 1997. She is survived by husband S. Whitney Blodgett, her step-children, her parents, a sister, and a brother.

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Where I Find You

FOR COLIN T. O'NEILL '97 AND EVERY SOUL THAT HE TOUCHED

BY SARAH J. MERRILL '96

I DREAM OF HIM from time to time, but will never again as often as I did during that first spring after he died. For several months, I could fall asleep nearly certain that I would bump into Colin somewhere in the night, as if he had gotten tangled in my dreams on his way from one life to the next. I began to look forward to my dreams, because only there could my mind's eye offer a clear image of Colin's face. And upon waking, his presence still palpable for the length of a sleepy breath, I could pretend that I would see him again upon returning to Middlebury.

Colin died while dancing with the elements—surfing Costa Rica's wild ocean. That was February of 1996, when both Colin and I left Middlebury to study abroad. He went to South America; I traveled to Ghana, West Africa. Although I wasn't homesick exactly, I was feeling acutely far from the familiar; and when the news traveled to me over thousands of miles of phone line—the words so tiny, so illusory when they reached me—it was impossible to process: Colin has drowned.

As these words swept me even further from the familiar,

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they also lifted me away from Ghana. I felt displaced from the very country I had traveled so far to study, from the very place I was standing, indeed, from my own body. Dislocation born of disbelief. Colin would never come home.

Several days later, my Nigerian teacher made one effort to comfort me. He approached me where I sat alone and awkwardly put his hand on my shoulder. He told me that, in his culture, the ultimate event of a person's life is his death. The funeral is an event to honor the footprints a person has left and celebrate his passing into a next life, presumably a better one. I considered this a cultural rift, thanked him, and walked away so that I wouldn't begin to cry.

The truth was that my understanding of Colin's death had not come close to accounting for where he had gone. I knew only that Colin had lost this world, that he had been prematurely robbed of the joys he had known here. And I couldn't find my way past what Colin's face used to do when he laughed, the particular rhythm of his steps as he walked across campus in an autumn dusk, or the color of his eyes on a cold Vermont day. I wasn't ready to let Colin exist anywhere but at Middlebury. This was where he still existed in my dreams.

My group moved on to the rural village of Mprim, where I spent two exhausted, vacant weeks. I felt like an apparition, when each day I would put on my sneakers and walk down an endless red-dirt road, over hills, past thick forest. I often passed groups of women as they trudged miles from one village to another. As we didn't share a language, the women would gesture to me, inquiring where I was going. I never had an answer, and I didn't think they'd understand that I had no real destination, so I'd smile and point up the road. I just needed to move—the strides made sense, and for a little while I felt like I was going somewhere, shaking loose a sensation of heaviness. But eventually I'd have to turn around and retrace my steps.

One morning, I woke an hour or so before sunrise, to a strange mingling of noise, light, and motion filtering through my thin curtains. Right outside my compound the entire village's mothers and grandmothers and aunts and sisters were moaning and sobbing, but they were also singing. The vocal sounds of pain were confused with those of joy; the two coalesced in the heavy air.

I lay there in my damp bed, quiet and unmoving. I squeezed my eyes shut in an effort to cry. It was time to flush out some of my own grief, to lift its weight from my bones. I tried to push my belly to sobs, force my chest to that painful tightness that comes before tears. But nothing happened, and the women slowly dispersed as the sun came up, moving off to begin their day's work, still singing. And I looked again for sleep, where I might find Colin.

It was over a year after Colin's death that I finally dreamed of him in a setting other than Middlebury. I had returned from Africa, and after a busy year of writing a thesis and looking for a job, I graduated and left Vermont. I was distracted by what the future would bring, and hadn't thought—or dreamed—about Colin much during this year.

In this singular dream, I found him sitting at the end of a long dock that reached out over a quiet lake. Narrow white trees shot up around the water's edge and spread their reflections across its green surface like a warm hand. Sitting beside him uneasily, I attempted to explain to Colin that I was sorry he had been taken away, and that I wanted him to return with me to Vermont, to his friends and family. But the words leaving my lips floated away without making a sound, as if my voice wasn't an accepted currency in this place. Colin communicated that he was at peace here, and he would not ever be returning to the place I called home.

Then he touched my arm—and I startled awake. Colin's energy, and a sense that he was trying to comfort me, was present. I began to cry, my body shaking as though releasing some energy held inside for a very long time. But I believe that I was also smiling, because it felt like a miracle, letting go, lifting off.

I realized then that the sensation of grief was finally leaving my body—perhaps had entirely left. Over the past year, without knowing this, I had slowly come to locate Colin in his new home: the natural world. Colin now inhabited a thousand beautiful places that I could visit, places not unlike Middlebury itself. And today I can sense him in every bit of what it is about this world that takes my breath away.

I felt displaced from the very country I had traveled so far to study. . . from my very body. Dislocation born of disbelief. Colin would never come home.

Found

I finally close my eyes to listen,
and I hear his life
affirming itself in the early
summer;
in the cicadas celebrating in
branches,
in the barometer measuring
the heft of chance,
in the human desire to dance
with the elements,
and in the ever-present music
of the earth's exhale.

Sarah J. Merrill '96 is a freelance writer and a poet who lives in San Francisco.

EDUCATED Opinion

Family Values

THE VIEW FROM 25 YEARS OUT

BY MARK PATINKIN '74

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER, I still remember checking my mailbox five times daily although there was just one delivery. I remember avoiding Prof. Dry's gaze so he wouldn't ask me to define Plato's polis, only to learn he looked for those who weren't looking back.

I remember playing academic roulette in Prof. Jacobs' post-World War II course, wagering the exam essay would be the Cold War, and studying that alone the night before. By the time I opened the blue-book in the hemicycle, I had the Cold War mastered. "Write an essay on the Dewey-Truman election," it instructed. I did not know Dewey's first name.

I remember the rat-list. It was posted on a dorm corridor by women unhappy with the behavior of their boyfriends. Those deemed the biggest rats topped that week's list. The goal was to correct the men's behavior through public humiliation. It backfired. The boyfriends saw it as an honor and began competing for first in the standings, prompting the women to take it down.

Mostly, I remember being a young, loud imbecile.

My wife helped rid me of some of that, but in recent years another female in my life has done an even better job.

"Don't be such a dork, Dad," my 11-year-old daughter will say, and she is usually right. The other day, on the way to the video store, she told me that if we saw any of her friends, I was to pretend I did not know her. I did as I was instructed. It's a father's job.

I suppose that's what I return as at this 25th reunion, a father. At the others, I was more caught up in my work label. This time, I'd rather boast about our eight-year-old son getting a trophy for third best goalie in his street hockey league, never mind that there were only four teams.

Also there's been a major change at home: we've entered the driving years. We drive our kids to school, drive back to pick them up, drive them to their games, watch them play, then drive them home. There, we empty and fill the dishwasher, remind them that they can't watch MTV, explain they need baths whether they're dirty or not, deny appeals for later bedtimes, then empty the dishwasher again and fall asleep halfway through *ER*, only to be awakened by a voice from upstairs announcing, "I'm not tired."

That's what's going on in my life. We're raising three young children. Also, two dogs and a crayfish. And we have a burial ground in the backyard with nine hamsters who lived good lives because the father of the house changed their cages when the daughter who promised to didn't. May they rest in peace.

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As I reflect back on what I learned at Middlebury, besides Dewey's first name being Thomas, the most important might be that my closest friendships, even after 25 years, were forged in places like Stewart, Hadley, and Voter. Despite separation, they've lasted. I've never been the kind of person to reach out when down, but over the years, during bad times, among those I would call were friends from Middlebury.

My theory is that friendships born out of being young imbeciles together endure. Also, there is a trust born of mutual deterrence. For example, were I to tell the world about the time David Stone bought red satin sheets for his dorm bed thinking it would improve his chances, Lord knows what he would say about me.

I've learned you can go places with college friends you go with few others, places you don't mention in class notes, even though they mark deeper milestones. Like not giving up on a marriage when it's hard. Or if you must, finding your footing after divorce. Like making peace with your parents, and peace with losing them. Like doing what's right by your children, not what's easy.

More than what we've attained in work or money, I'll bet achievements like those are what we're often proudest of.

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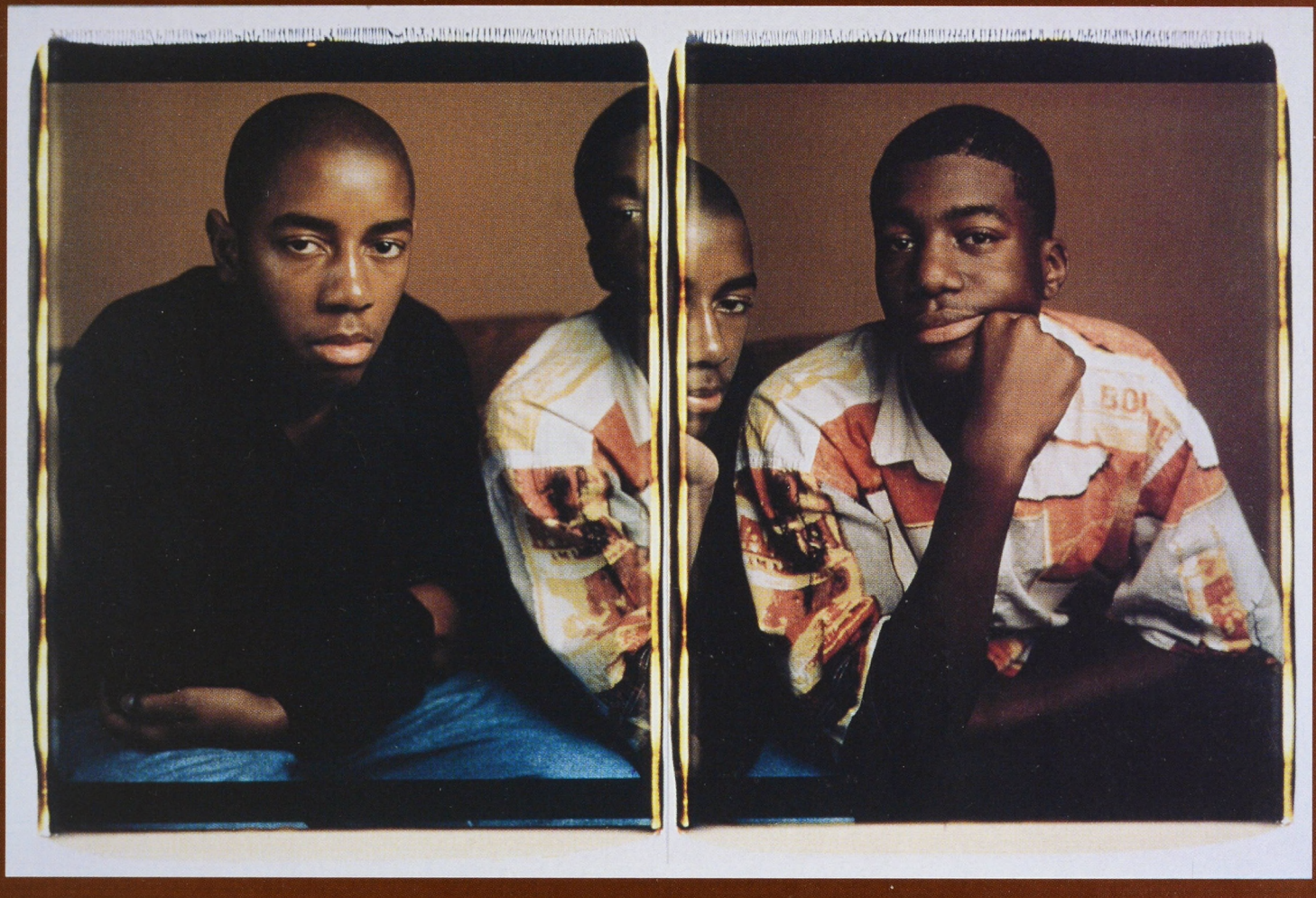
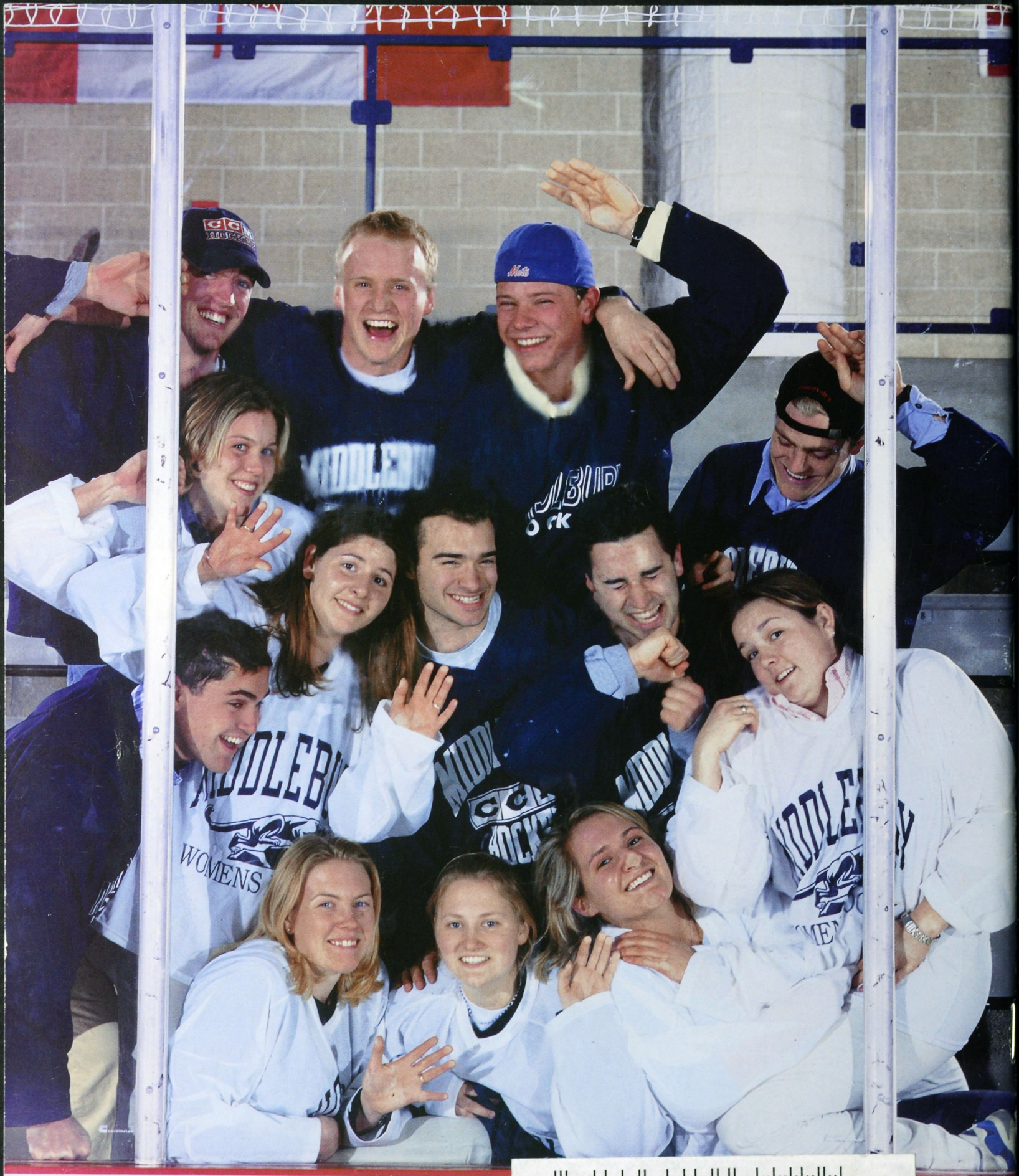


***Toussaint and Terrell*, Dawoud Bey, 1995. Polaroid, 2 parts, each 30 x 22 inches. Purchased with funds provided by the Marianne Boesky, Class of 1989, Contemporary Photography, Film, and Video Acquisition Fund.**

In October, art majors and members of the museum assistants program were invited to participate in the selection of contemporary works of photography for the permanent collection. They listened to presentations about photographers, specific works available, and their cost and then selected seven works. The first to go on view is Dawoud Bey's *Toussaint and Terrell*.



Nose to the Glass

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